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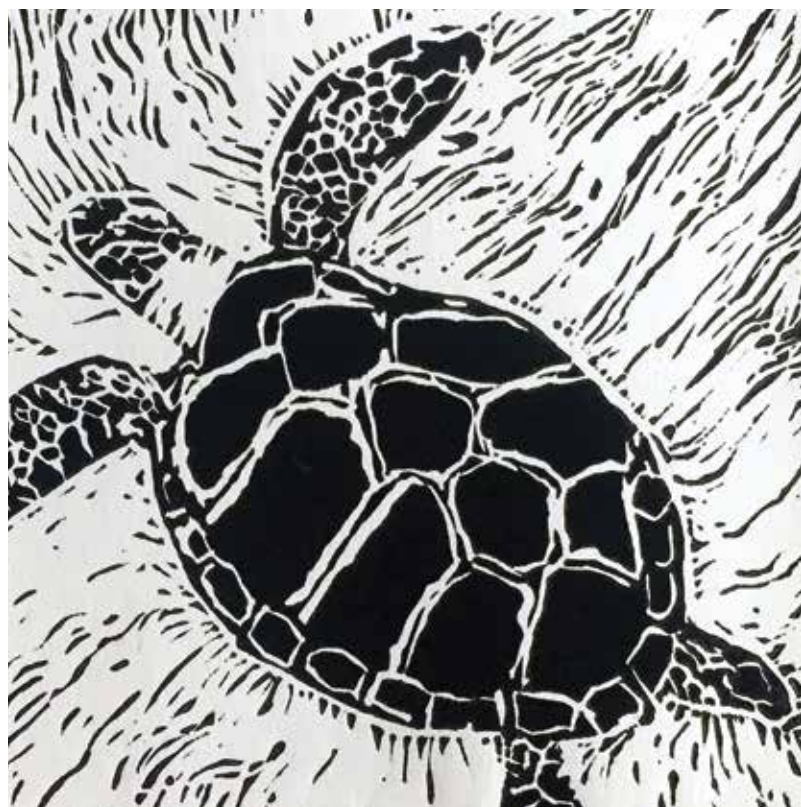
MS TIFFANY LLOYD

Dear St Joseph's Nudgee College community,

Welcome to the first edition of *Behind the Stripes*, which replaces the College's *Nth Degree* magazine. This title was voted in by the students, staff, parents and Old Boys of the College, and I would like to thank all those who took the time to cast their vote. The stripes are synonymous with Nudgee College, appearing on the blazer and various sporting uniforms, which the boys wear with pride. Each edition will contain stories that delve deep into College life, focusing on the thoughts and actions of the students, as well as what makes the College special as a whole.

This first issue features the story of the 2017 1st XV Rugby Premiership, profiles of a few students who are already finding success in the business world, a peek inside the mind of a Senior during their final year of school, and much more.

I hope you enjoy your first read of *Behind the Stripes*.



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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF BEHIND THE STRIPES

Our change of name and the move to a bi-annual publication reflect a change of thinking about this important College publication. Building upon the many successful editions of *Nth Degree* and informed by research, the choice of our new banner heading heralds Nudgee College's iconic blue and white stripes that feature on the College's blazer, Rugby jersey, and various other pieces of apparel.

The title also alludes to something deeper than the signature Nudgee College image. We are a College with a rich history featuring stories that have shaped our good name and identity. We are also a College with a good story to tell in the present day. Some of these accounts of individual achievement, service, courage, faith, innovation, resilience and commitment are featured in the pages of this edition.

I trust that you will feel a sense of pride in reading these stories. Beyond pride, they are worthy of deeper reflection because they capture something of the essence of who we are as the community of St Joseph's Nudgee College. Collectively, these narratives offer an insight into what we are achieving as the 21st century learners and teachers of the St Joseph's Nudgee College community. As a school that honours our unifying story that began in 1891, *Behind the Stripes* also features those individuals and events of the past that shape who we are today. Importantly, all these stories share the vision and the values

that we stand for as a community, and why we do the things that we do as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition in the contemporary world.

A story worth highlighting is the ongoing redevelopment of the built environment at the College. This is boldly demonstrated by the new entrance to the College from Sandgate Road and the new road within the College - Edmund Rice Way - which reveals the beautiful vista of our bushland setting to all visitors. Since its completion I have received countless affirmations about the openness and modern feel of the campus.

Several major structures of the College have been rebuilt and redeveloped over recent years. Buildings such as Tierney Auditorium, Purton Science Centre, Cleary Building for Music and Art, as well as those of the Boarding Village have been refurbished and repurposed. The award winning DJ Hanly Learning Centre has been a stunning addition. Other well-worn demountables have been removed. Cars have limited access to the centre of the College, which is now safer for our students. Landscaping, walking paths and playground spaces have been enhanced. All of this work represents a transformative project, that has been years in the making, and one that has involved the vision, planning and commitment of many staff from the recent past and the present.

The cumulative effect of improving the amenity and ambience of the

campus is more than just a point for conversation. It is representative of the focus on good learning and teaching in our classrooms and learning spaces. Articles featured in this edition highlight how the College is leading the way with innovative, diverse and engaging approaches to academic achievement, while maintaining an emphasis on the formation of good character amongst Nudgee College men.

The conclusion of the 2017 school year will see over 1,570 boys call Nudgee College their school, reflecting a continued strong growth in enrolments. However, of more significance than the College's enrolment number is the sense of belonging and identity that each individual student has with his mates and his school. Furthermore, at our signature community events throughout the year we have contended with ever increasing numbers of people seeking to attend. While such things are healthy signs, they are not an end in themselves. More important than attendance numbers and size of events is ensuring that individuals experiences a strong sense of connection to others and the school as a whole. These connections between our young men and between those within our community are common threads linking the Nudgee College stories that sit 'behind the stripes'.

It is with some pride that I commend to you this very first edition of *Behind the Stripes*.

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MATTHEW HOLMES



Upon completion of his schooling at St Joseph's Nudgee College, 2017 Senior Matthew Holmes reflects on what College life meant for him and his cohort, as well as what he may face 'beyond the gates'.

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The average lifespan for an Australian male is about 75 years. This equals out to about 26,000 days. A Senior graduating St Joseph's Nudgee College this year has lived around 6000 of these, or approximately 23 per cent of his life.

There is a maxim that I hear so often repeated by my peers, that the end of school is where 'actual' life begins. But I am sorry to say, boys, life is well underway already. There is a prevalent attitude that it is only when one escapes the confines of the education system that they can pursue their true goals; to realise their true calling in life. However, I believe this notion to be entirely misguided. Whether you acknowledge it or not, Nudgee College has set you up on whatever path you will take; it has moulded you into the person you are and the person you will, one day, become. You are not fractured into isolated phases of your life, but rather you are a coherent person from the moment you were born to the moment you die. So, the foundations of the life you are destined to lead, whatever that may be, will be built upon the bricks and mortar of Nudgee College, not only in terms of the education it has provided you, but also in the values imparted and the friendships you have forged.

Whilst you may hasten to leave Nudgee College, the school will be by your side until the very end. I have spoken to people who still wake up in the morning, go to their closets and reach for the khakis, only to remember

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that they graduated in 2013. The mindset of 'I can't wait to leave' is common as the all-encompassing nature of student life at Nudgee College makes it incredibly difficult not to take it for granted. There is a threshold where the essence of something is so prevalent in your life that it becomes assumed; one does not even consciously process it. For myself, it is entirely absurd to think that I have been swept from the gates of Nudgee College and into the dizzying freedom of adult life. I have spent most of my days, over the past eight years, within the boundaries of the campus. The bustling balconies of the Duhig Building and the

concrete expanse of the courtyard have become my default setting. That is why, when somebody asked me if I was excited to finish school, I did not have a particularly strong reaction either way. Because I am still incapable of imagining that it has truly happened, that I have only just entered a time when I will never return to the College as a student.

Despite the clichés, life without Nudgee College does feel incomprehensible. I know this was not the attitude of all my peers this year, but I guarantee that it was those who were the most overzealous in their desire for 'freedom' that were the most shocked when that day actually came. That is not to say that graduating is not incredibly exciting; in fact, quite the contrary. There is so much ahead of us, 77 per cent of our lives to be exact. Yet I would caution those who were so keen to exit the gates and dive head first into the future, to look back every once in a while, to remember the classes, the weekends in the grandstand, and the ferocious unified cry of the 10,000 brothers. For it is these years of your life, that have shaped you into the man that you are. When you are long gone and your story is being told, whether to the whole world, or simply to your great-grandchildren, the words 'Nudgee College' are sure to arise. They are immutably ingrained upon your very character. They cannot be removed and yet I know, without a doubt, that nobody would ever want them to be.



Matthew Holmes (top left) with some of his fellow Seniors on their last day of school.



Seniors singing in Chapel on their final day.



To ensure the optimal safety of students at St Joseph's Nudgee College, the Leadership Team recognised a need for improved infrastructure of roads and paths for peak mobility for our community and visitors in and around the College.

The high concentration of vehicles during the school rush hours underlined the importance of better utilisation of current infrastructure and the need for the creation of a new ring road. With this in mind, the College launched a major road project at the end of 2016.

Parking and access to the College is the one area that has changed significantly now all the works are complete. The map featured in this article outlines the areas open to parking for parents, staff and visitors to the College. There will be signage to assist anyone uncertain about the new arrangements. Key points to note are:

- The set down and pick up zone is now accessed by coming in the new road and turning up towards the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre (Bingo Hall). Parents are now to use this area and the new car park in the morning and afternoon, rather than Old Sandgate Road and the gravel car park.





- The old set down and pick up area near the O'Neill Building is now being used by the buses as a pick up and set down point. Cars are best to avoid this area, with up to 20 buses lined up for departure in the afternoon.
- Boom gates are now in place, which will help minimise the traffic through the centre of the College.
- It is important that our community obey all stop signs. There is a new stop sign at the end of Old Sandgate Road; however, several members of the

community have not seen it and have driven straight through, as this was the previous road rule for this area.

The new roads within the College have been given names that reflect our Edmund Rice heritage. These include:

- **Edmund Rice Way:** the new entrance road
- **New Street:** the road down the middle of campus beside the Bathersby Boarding Village (in 1802, on a property originally owned by Edmund's wife, a

makeshift school was established in a converted stable in New Street, Waterford, Ireland)

- **Waterford Lane:** the road alongside Treacy House (the subsequent success of the New Street school led to more permanent buildings being built on a nearby purchased property overlooking Waterford)
- **MacKillop Circuit:** the new car park and pick up/drop off area (named after St Mary MacKillop, and coinciding with the existing MacKillop Building)



FOURTH-GENERATION FAMILIES: PART TWO

MS TIFFANY LLOYD



Peter Jones, Will Jones, Michael James Jones and Michael Joseph Jones.

THE JONESES

The dynasty of Joneses at St Joseph's Nudgee College did not, in fact, begin with a Jones at all, but with a Kirwin. Jack Kirwin attended the College as a boarder in 1920 from St George in South West Queensland. Jack's sister Mary Jones continued their family's legacy at the College by sending her sons, Douglas (NC 1949–52) and Lionel (NC 1951–54), to board there. In the 1950s, the Jones brothers had an impressive record in the College's sporting competitions. Douglas was a member of the 1st XV in 1951 and 1952, winning a Premiership as well as the Best Back Award in his second season. He was also selected to play for the Queensland GPS representative rugby side. In addition to his rugby success, Douglas played for the 1st XI Cricket side, and was a member of the College's Athletics team, Boxing team, and Debating Society.

His brother Lionel was also a skilled rugby player, competing as part of the Premiership winning 1st XV in 1953 and 1954, as well as taking out the Best Back Award in his Senior year. Like Douglas, Lionel was also selected in the Queensland GPS representative side. Lionel was a keen swimmer, captaining the team during their GPS Championship-winning season in 1954. The Jones brothers in the 1950s did not stop at sport when it came to immersing themselves in Nudgee College life. Both were also Prefects in their Senior years of schooling.

The next generation of Joneses at Nudgee College began in 1976, when Peter Jones, Lionel's son, started as a boarder from St George. Continuing the Jones sporting legacy, Peter was a member of the Swimming team in 1978 and 1979, and played for the 1st XV in his Senior year. In 1980, Peter's brother Michael Joseph Jones joined the Nudgee College Boarding community. During his time at the College Michael was a member of both the GPS Swimming and Athletics teams, and played for the 1st XV in 1982 and 1983.

The current generation of Joneses at Nudgee College began when Jacob Jones, son of Michael, started as a day boy in 2003. Jacob was an all-rounder during his five years at the

In the final edition of *Nth Degree*, published in July, an article featured the stories of families whose connection to the College had spanned at least four generations. Here are three more of those families.

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College, participating in GPS Cross Country, Rugby and Cricket, as well as volunteering for Magee House charity the Starlight Foundation and the College's own Big Brekky Program. Jacob's brother Declan joined him at the College in 2006. A true leader, Declan earned the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award in 2009, and the Br JG Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence in 2010. Declan also had the honour of being the College Captain in his Senior year.

The next Jones brother, Maclean, started at the College in 2008. An extremely talented sportsman, Maclean was a member of the 1st XI Cricket team and the 1st XV Rugby side in both 2012 and 2013.

In his Senior year, he captained the 1st XI, was the Vice Captain of the Premiership winning 1st XV, and was also a member of the Queensland Schoolboys Rugby team. Maclean's sporting prowess continued after he graduated, with stints as both Captain and Vice Captain of the Australian under 20s rugby union team. Maclean is currently a member of the New South Wales Waratahs squad.

The fourth Jones brother, Mackenzie Jones, started at Nudgee College when the Junior School opened in 2008, and was a member of the College's first Year 5 cohort. Mackenzie was a huge sports fan, participating in Basketball, Football, Rugby, Cricket, and achieving the impressive feat of attending every 1st XV game at the College during his eight years of schooling there.

The youngest Jones, Michael James, is a current Year 9 student. His graduation in 2020 will mark 17 continuous years of schooling at Nudgee College for the five brothers.

"Dad and my brothers told me to make the most of my time at Nudgee College, because it goes really quickly," he said.

"They told me to get involved in as much as I can, whether as a participant or a spectator."

Although his brothers have graduated, Michael James still has family with him at the College. His cousin Will Jones, son of Peter Jones, is a Year 11 boarder from St George.



Lawrence Muir, Isaac Muir and John Muir.



Michael Buckley with grandchildren Matthew Voysey, Joshua Voysey, Grace Voysey, Liam Voysey and Talia Voysey.

"As a young child living with three sisters I really wanted to know what it was like to have brothers, and being at Nudgee College really feels like I have 10,000 brothers," he said.

With both Will and Michael James being dedicated members of Nudgee College's Rugby Program, it appears that the Jones family's connection to Rugby will live on.

THE MUIRS

In 1929, Lawrence Walker Muir started at Nudgee College as a boarder from Kangaroo Point. He was a highly gifted student, so much so that a family friend paid for him to attend the College. That benefactor's faith in Lawrence was certainly repaid when he won a Queensland Open Scholarship, and thus a place on one of the College's honour boards.

The Nudgee College influence was certainly enough for Lawrence Walker to decide to send his sons David and John to the College in the early 1960s.

David's son Lawrence Alastair started at the College in 1985 as a day student from Carseldine. During his time at the College, Lawrence said one of his most memorable moments was when the 1st XV won the 1986 Premiership following a long drought.

"Another thing I remember was when

I applied for my first after school job in Year 10," he said.

"The HR manager was a Nudgee College Old Boy, and we talked about rugby for the whole interview – I got the job."

Lawrence Alastair, when talking about his grandfather Lawrence Walker Muir, said he believed the Christian Brothers greatly influenced his career trajectory.

"My grandfather chose to go into teaching and was a headmaster at single-teacher schools, teaching students in isolated areas," he said.

Lawrence Alastair's son Isaac is currently in Year 6 at Nudgee College. Since his own time as a student at the College, Lawrence said the biggest changes he had noticed were the layout of the College buildings and the uniforms.

"Otherwise, it's still the same 'can do' place with a niche for every student," he said.

Young Isaac said his grandfather and father always told him that attending Nudgee College was a family tradition, and that he would definitely enjoy it.

THE VOYSEYS/BUCKLEYS

In 1913 John 'Jack' and Bernard Buckley started at Nudgee College as boarders from Northern New

South Wales. Many years later, Jack's son Michael Buckley followed in his footsteps, joining the Boarding community in 1947.

Michael speaks with great humour about his time as a Nudgee College boarder, often regaling his family about the many mess hall shenanigans he was involved in. When he was a student, his family owned a bakery, and his parents would often send him baked treats that ended up being stolen from his locker. One night, he decided to scoop out all the cream from the desserts and replace it with toothpaste. Needless to say, his treats were never stolen again!

While Michael would have loved to send his children to Nudgee College, it was not meant to be when he and his wife were blessed with two girls. Michael's daughter Leisa, however, continued their family's legacy at Nudgee College by sending her three sons there, with her eldest son Joshua starting in 2008.

"We were very conscious of the school curriculum and wanted our boys to all attend one school," she said.

"We felt that Nudgee College offered a broad-enough curriculum to suit our three sons' needs."

While Joshua graduated in 2015, Leisa's two younger sons are current students, with Matthew in Year 9 and Liam in Year 12.

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

For many people, the idea of starting a business is extremely daunting, or even something that seems completely out of reach. Entrepreneurship may seem even harder to achieve for a teenager but, despite this, several St Joseph Nudgee College students have already begun to make a name for themselves in the business world.

LifeProof campaign image.

DYLAN SUTHERLAND: THE SOCIAL MEDIA GURU

In a world ruled by technology, social media expertise is a valuable commodity. At only 16 years old, Year 11 student Dylan Sutherland is already leading the way in the social media industry, and is in high demand with businesses hoping to capitalise on his skills.

"My business focuses on content creation for companies to aid in their advertising campaigns," he said.

"Companies approach me to create a campaign that advertises their product creatively through videography and photography."

Dylan's business began through his passion for travel, as well as his interest in creating content that inspires.

"The power content creators have is extraordinary, and to be able to create something that gets shared around and enjoyed by thousands of people is exciting," he said.

"In a world moving so quickly, where old ways of marketing and advertising are no longer working, this is the peak time for social media influencers to take over the industry."

In regard to traditional forms of advertising, such as television, Dylan said people are tuning out and spending ad breaks on their phone checking 'the big three' – Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat.

"The best type of marketing is marketing that doesn't feel like marketing, and social media allows

"I have been told 'no' by countless people, but you have to get up, dust yourself off, and strive to make something better..."

Dylan Sutherland

you to do just that and reach an astounding number of people," he said.

Recently, Dylan was approached by LifeProof, a United States-based company that sells phone cases designed to withstand harsh conditions.

"They asked me to create some content for them in conjunction with their 'Let's Go' campaign, which aimed to display a full-on lifestyle that represented how the product can go anywhere you go," he said.

"They challenged me to take the case on some crazy adventures and to some crazy places to see how tough the case really is and to see if it could handle my lifestyle."

Despite his success in the industry, Dylan said that he has also had to face rejection.

"I have been told 'no' by countless people, but you have to get up, dust yourself off, and strive to make something better," he said.

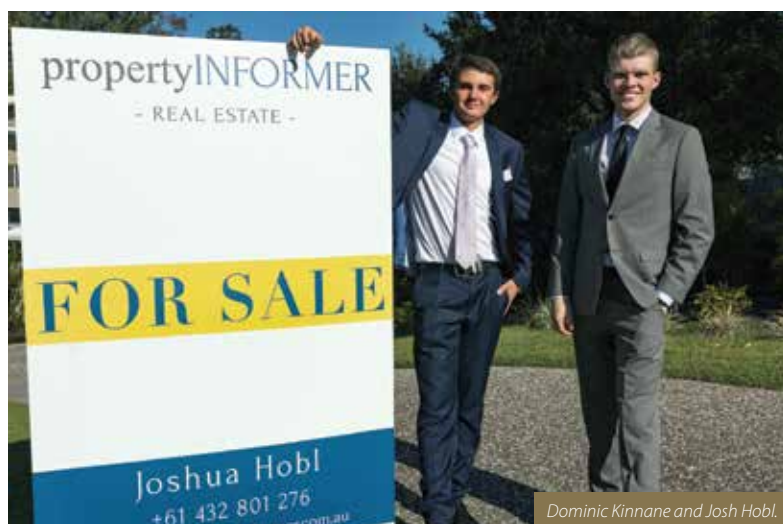
While Dylan is restricted in what he can share about upcoming projects, it is safe to say that his work will continue popping up in newsfeeds all over the world.

DOMINIC KINNANE: THE REAL ESTATE EXPERT

As a child, Dominic Kinnane attended a dinner party in Hamilton with his family, where he was astounded by the house they were visiting. He learnt the owner of the house was a property developer, and from that point on, young Dominic developed an obsession with real estate.

"Since I was 10 years old I cannot remember a night that I haven't visited realestate.com.au to scroll through different listings, and study different suburbs and markets," he said.

Now as a Year 11 student, Dominic is the Executive General Manager of Property Informer Real Estate, a Queensland company that specialises in selling, buying and property management. Despite being only 16 years old, Dominic's real estate experience is extensive, having spent the last two years working as a consultant and attracting contacts to clients' listings and developments. To transition his small business to the state-wide company it is now, Dominic partnered up with Nudgee College Old Boy Joshua Hobl (NC 2012–16).



Dominic Kinnane and Josh Hobl.



LifeProof campaign image.



Corbin Duncan's Year 10 Immersion in Cambodia.

"Since I've partnered up with Josh, he has been a wonder to work alongside; I couldn't ask for a better business partner," he said.

While Dominic had a friendly face to work with, he said the process of getting the company to where it is now has been extremely long, with Pty Ltd filings, ABN applications, other paperwork, bills, and courses keeping them busy. The company is also working on an ad, which is being filmed and produced by fellow Nudgee College Year 11 student Hugh Bray.

Any new business venture is sure to provide exciting moments, and one such moment for Dominic was when they ordered their first For Sale sign.

Property Informer Real Estate might be a relatively new company, but it is already giving back to the Nudgee College community, having signed on as a sponsor of the Rowing Program's 2018 season.

It is rare to find your calling at such a young age, but Dominic has definitely found his niche.

CORBIN DUNCAN: THE PHILANTHROPIST

In 2015, then Year 10 student Corbin Duncan travelled to Cambodia as part of St Joseph's Nudgee College's

Immersion Program. While there he was struck by the fact that just \$200 could build a house for a family in that country. Former Cattle Club Manager and Nudgee College icon Mr Brian O'Reilly had already engaged several students in selling Cambodian silk scarves and krampey pepper at markets and other events to raise funds for the Cambodian people, but Corbin wanted to take this a step further by selling these products online, and thus the Cambodian Development Project (CDP) was born.

"The idea to start an online store was driven by a desire to bring 'new money' into Cambodia and extend beyond the generosity of the Nudgee College community, which had already given so much," he said.

"The CDP sells Cambodian specialty and fair trade goods, and injects all proceeds back into community projects in rural villages."

Nudgee College strives to instill a commitment to social justice in all students. Corbin said he thought that to fulfil that commitment in the modern day, it was important to take advantage of our more connected world.

"Social media and e-commerce represents the changing face of social justice in the 21st century, but it's important to translate this into funds that fulfil a legitimate social need," he said.

"It would be difficult for anyone who

participates in our Immersion Program not to be spurred into action."

The process of starting a social enterprise in Australia, while done so with the best of intentions, is not a simple task.

"I spent the first 12 months after returning to Australia reading the act that governs charitable enterprises, and meeting with accountants to understand how to best achieve my goal," Corbin said.

"Remaining committed to the end goal of a functional social enterprise, of which there was no guarantee of achieving, was certainly difficult, especially considering all this was happening in the context of Year 11 and 12 workloads."

But Corbin persisted, and thus has reaped the rewards of watching the CDP grow and face new challenges and successes.

"Ultimately, the most rewarding aspect at the end of the day is being able to donate all of our proceeds," he said.

This entire process for Corbin has been all about service and giving back.

"There is an old French belief, 'noblesse oblige', which essentially means that those of us who can give back must give back, and I view all of Nudgee College's social justice efforts through that lens," he said.

To find out more about Corbin's enterprise, visit cambodiandp.com.

PAW THE BOOT, PAW THE BOOT, TACKLE HARD AND TRUE

MS TARA SHIPPERLEY





This season's clash of the red and blue on Ross Oval was one of the most dramatic and theatrical curtain raisers to what would be a Premiership-winning season for the Nudgee College 1st XV. The intensity of Gregory Terrace versus Nudgee College matches defies the history of the place – a tribal clash of sorts.



With some tough wins throughout the season, it was the final game against Brisbane State High School at Fursden Road that sealed the tied 2017 Premiership with The Southport School. This was the College's 41st GPS Rugby Premiership. Although Nudgee College is well-known for the strength and depth of its Rugby Program, Mr Sean Graham was very impressed with the humility of the team during and after their win.

"1st XV Captain and Australian Schoolboy Phoenix Hunt, as well as his fellow team mates represented the College admirably both on and off the field, and were fine examples to our younger teams," Sean said.

"The 1st XV season will be remembered for the team's relentless defence, and composure under pressure to win tight games."

A man that has been at the helm of the College's Rugby Program in recent years is Mr Gerard Alexander. After three years as Head Coach and two years prior as an Assistant Coach, Gerard is hanging up his boots and stepping down from his involvement with the 1st XV Program.

On the sideline Gerard has always held himself with perfect manner and grace. A true gentleman, he set high standards for his squad and established a successful, yet humble culture. Gerard was recognised by his peers with an Excellence in the Workplace Award at the 2017 College Awards Ceremony; a well-deserved acknowledgment.

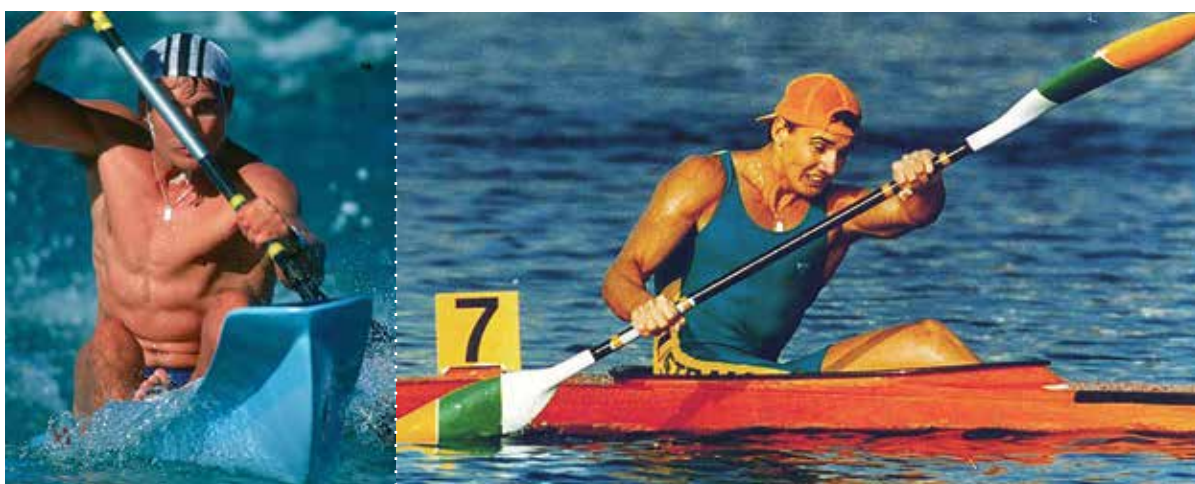
Nudgee College has a proud sporting tradition, with 99 years of participation in the Queensland GPS Rugby competition. This year, the College was approached to be the subject of

a documentary, where a schoolboy team would be followed throughout their season. This is the first of its kind in Australia - such is the reputation and reach of the Nudgee College Rugby Program. The end product, a five episode series titled *The Season* aired throughout Australia on Fox Sports and throughout New Zealand on Sky Sports in early December. The series goes behind the scenes of the College's Rugby Program and is a truly remarkable production, focusing on the history, tradition, rituals, mateship, preparation, competition and everything in between that goes into the Nudgee College Rugby Program. If you missed it there will be repeats airing throughout the Summer period, and all episodes can be viewed on the St Joseph's Nudgee College YouTube channel.





After five consecutive 1st VIII Head of the River titles and four consecutive overall wins, Nudgee College Rowing is excelling, but the program is only expected to develop and exceed all expectations under the guidance of recently appointed Rowing Director Mr Clint Robinson OAM.



Clint is an extremely accomplished athlete, representing Australia in kayaking at five Olympic Games, and competing at the World Championships in five different paddle sports - sprint kayaking, SLS spec ski, ocean ski, SLS board, and six-man outrigger. In 1992, he became Australia's first gold medal kayaker by winning the K1 1000m race during the Olympic Games in Barcelona. He also won a gold medal at the 1994 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

As a result of his outstanding sporting achievements at all levels, Clint was awarded an Australian Sports Medal in 2000. In 2014, he was inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame – the nation's highest sporting honour.

Clint's ambition is evident, with what appears to be an endless list of honours, titles and medals to his name. He believes that success is only achievable through extreme hard work and commitment; traits he will

no doubt bring to his role as Rowing Director.

"I want to help the boys find something outside of what they already know," he said.

Clint was first brought into the Nudgee College community by 1st VIII coach Mr John Bowes, who approached him about speaking to the boys and trying to motivate them ahead of 2014's Head of the River.

He continued working with former Rowing Director Mr Christian Oneto as well as John in the years that followed to provide an outsider's perspective on the College's Rowing Program, until he was approached to consider taking on the Director role.

With Rowing pre-season beginning at the start of Term 4, Clint is already bringing his knowledge and experience as an elite athlete to our rowers ahead of the 2018 GPS season.



Clint at this year's Rowing 20th Anniversary Gala.



Health Centre staff, from left to right: Roz Daley, Donna Donohue, Jenny Jordan, Glenda Elliott, Carmel Sullivan, Tracey Macrae and Gabrielle Salmo.



THE HEALTH CENTRE

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

With more than 250 boys living on campus, St Joseph's Nudgee College has the important responsibility of caring for the boarders' emotional and physical health.

At the centre of health management at the College is the on-campus Health Centre, which provides 24/7 care to students during the school year. The 15 staff members at the Health Centre work on a rotating roster, with at least one registered nurse present at all times. The Health Centre also works in collaboration with visiting and off-campus specialists, such as a GP, dentist, physiotherapist, podiatrist and pharmacist, to ensure all aspects of the boys' healthcare are tended to.

Health Centre Manager Sister Glenda Elliott is a familiar face to many in the Nudgee College community. For the past 20 years, including the previous five in her managerial role, she has

cared for many young Nudgee College men and worked tirelessly to ensure optimum health outcomes for her patients. As a long-serving staff member, Glenda said the College is a special place.

"Its qualities have nothing to do with the grand buildings that people see as they're driving past, or the facilities that everyone enjoys," she said.

"It is special because of the staff, students and parents."

This year, Glenda's dedication was rewarded when she was nominated by the College for a Spirit of Catholic Education Award.

Dean of Identity Ms Erin Wedge

said Glenda was a kind, generous and giving woman who has proven invaluable to the entire Nudgee College community.

"She always has the students' interests at heart and shows pastoral care handling homesickness and tough times for our boarders," she said.

"She listens to the boys with empathy and guides them in making good decisions around health and general wellbeing."

The staff of the Health Centre are caring and compassionate, and they work extremely hard to make sure all the boys are healthy and thriving learners.

24 EREA WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MS NATALIE WEBBER

After attending an EREA conference about leadership and the role of women in leadership with Principal Mr Peter Fullagar and Director of Administration Ms Bridie O'Dea, Head of Religious Studies Ms Natalie Webber shares her experience.



Left to right: Ms Elizabeth Gaber (St Patrick's College), Ms Natalie Webber, Ms Bridie O'Dea, Dr Wayne Tinsey (EREA Executive Director), Ms Leigh Pirie (St Edmund's College Canberra), and Mr Jacob Knowles (St Edmund's College Canberra).

The conference aimed to evaluate the characteristics of 21st century leadership, assess the challenges associated with women's participation in leadership, and collaborate on steps that might be taken to diversify leadership in EREA schools. Additionally, the conference sought to provide opportunities for both principals and female leaders to share their insights and to partner in developing strategies for including more women in leadership.

Held in Melbourne over two days in June, the keynote presentations involved both external and internal providers, as well as workshops led by female leaders currently working within EREA schools.

In both private and public educational contexts, there is a disproportionate number of women who are principals within a predominantly female workforce. This reality calls us as a community to explore the underpinnings of a lack of

female leadership. It stems from a commitment to both the EREA Justice and Peace Framework and our own College's Strategic Vision, which inspire us to "understand the structural causes of injustice" and "foster leadership capacity".

Notably, this challenge exists within the broader context of educational reform, where effective school leadership is increasingly seen as being key to improving educational outcomes. Attracting



Women in Leadership Conference.

the best possible candidates to school leadership is today a priority for education around the world. In particular, diversifying leadership serves to improve school leadership teams by varying perspectives and increasing innovation. In this way, Nudgee College is afforded an exciting opportunity to leverage the talent of women as part of fostering their professional growth and improving College outcomes.

As participants of the conference, Peter, Bridie and I were collectively engaged in numerous conversations about the important role women play in our College context. In an effort to share our learnings, Bridie and I have since led a workshop for College staff

aimed at replicating some of the activities we engaged in as part of the conference.

I am glad to be part of a working party, made up of women from EREA schools around Australia, which aims to ensure our ongoing learning leads to action.

As Dr Wayne Tinsey articulated in his opening statement at the conference:

We touch the future by the quality of the example, guidance and formation we give to the emerging generation. The ultimate exam we face is to live in a future created by our own children. The kind of world they commit themselves to will arise in no small part,

from the quality of our example and leadership.

Surely, we want our young men to envisage a world where both men and women are active contributors to leadership in all its forms. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for his invitation to attend the conference. It is through continued partnerships that we may reimagine what leadership looks like and, ultimately, improve the learning experiences of our students.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Ms Natalie Webber for being named the new Director of Learning and Teaching for the College in 2018.





LOCAL AREA BOARDS

MS TIFFANY LLOYD

For some students, boarding is a necessary part of life as a result of living in extremely remote areas with limited access to educational institutions. For others, however, the choice to board is not based on geography.



Local Area Boarders: Angus McDonald, Daniel Warren, Harrison Goggin and Charlie Hayes.

A large number of our current boarders hail from Brisbane suburbs, and their reasons for choosing St Joseph's Nudgee College Boarding are many and varied.

After being a day student for several years, Year 11 student Harrison Goggin moved into the Boarding Village from Brisbane's inner-north to boost his independence.

"For me, boarding has definitely increased my friendship group, and helped me feel more comfortable around others," he said.

Fellow Year 11 student Angus McDonald also made the transition from day boy to boarder, having made

the move from Brisbane's north to the Boarding Village this year.

"Being able to get more involved in all things at Nudgee College, the constant support, and meeting others from completely different backgrounds are definitely some of the benefits of being a boarder," he said.

Angus is not only a leader in the Boarding Village; he is also a leader to all students, having recently been named as the 2018 College Captain.

Originally from South Africa, current Year 10 student Daniel Warren moved to Brisbane's south in 2010, and then shifted into the Nudgee College

Boarding Village in 2016.

"My brother is an Old Boy and really enjoyed his time at the College," he said. "So my parents decided to give me the same amazing opportunities and enrol me into Boarding so that I could fully immerse myself in the Nudgee College school culture."

Also in Year 10 is Charlie Hayes, who has been a boarder from Brisbane's CBD since 2015.

"As a Nudgee College boarder," he said. "I have met people from a whole range of cultures with many different experiences to share, and I've created friendships that will last a lifetime."

With so much happening at the College, the atmosphere in the Boarding Village is always buzzing, but Charlie particularly highlighted how exciting State of Origin nights are.

"Queensland and New South Wales supporters gather in the common room of their dormitory, order pizza for the game and cheer their team on," he said.

A common thread brought up by boarders repeatedly is the friendships that are formed in the Boarding Village.

"Everyone who comes to Nudgee College as a boarder – no matter their age or where they are from – is welcomed," Charlie said.

"We are one band of brothers in the Boarding House and treat everybody equally throughout our Nudgee College journey together."



Boarding House Common Room. (Opposite Page: Boarding Village.)



HOW TO BUILD A BOAT IN YEAR 12



DYLAN GRACIE





Robert Gracie and Dylan Gracie.

I have been very fortunate and privileged to be given the opportunity, not to mention the huge challenge, of building a 6.3-metre aluminium boat in my Engineering class with the aid of teaching staff Mr Paul Raven and Mr Warren Roberts.

At the beginning of Term 4, 2016, a flat pack arrived containing all materials needed and the plans to build the boat. This was supplied by Mr Peter Holmes from CNC Marine, Brisbane. With great hype and anticipation, my boat-building experience began.

Once all the pieces needed to assemble the boat were marked off and checked from the pack, the task of cutting out the boat pieces began.

I was very grateful to my fellow Nudgee College Engineering brothers, as they helped with cutting out the pieces from the template using a jigsaw. This alone took about 10 hours to complete. A special pulse MIG welder had to be purchased to make welding the aluminium for an inexperienced welder like myself easier, which, thanks to my

Engineering teachers, was found on eBay.

The actual building of the boat started with the assembly of the hull and the frame. The boat slowly started to take shape after many hours of welding and a lot of reading and interpreting the boat's plans. Once the floatation foam was installed in the floor and sides of the boat for safety, the boat's interior, including the centre console, canopy, storage compartments, side pockets, battery boxes, bait board and live-bait tank, had to be constructed and welded into place. Things moved along quickly after these were completed and I could see light at the end of the tunnel.

The next stage of my boat project was fitting it out. Here I needed to make decisions on ordering and purchasing the motor, trailer, various pumps, steering, gauges, GPS and sounder, just to name a few items. These were all purchased through Stones Corner Marine, Brisbane.

The final stage will be water testing the boat and motor, as well as the

registration process. The completed boat, which is built to seat six people comfortably, will feature a custom-made centre console with a canopy, a 195-litre fuel tank, a large kill tank for fish, storage on both sides of the boat and in the hull, and up to a 225-horsepower motor.

At times, the project was challenging but, without a doubt, very rewarding. I would like to acknowledge all the extremely valuable help I received from College staff, along with local boat builder Mr Chris Gallagher (from Iconic Boats) and my dad Mr Robert Gracie. They assisted with assembling the boat and checking I was on the right track with this mammoth task, and as a result, I now have a truly beautiful vessel.

I will forever be grateful to have been given the opportunity to build my own fishing boat while attending St Joseph's Nudgee College. It was a big goal for me, and I would like to thank everyone who helped me to achieve this.

NEW WAYS OF DOING OLD THINGS IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

MRS MONICA SEE & MRS BONNIE BECKER

Years ago, students were likely to receive assignment drafts covered in red pen marks, editing codes scrawled across the page with a contrived comment at the end. But today, the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program and the increased use of technology in the classroom has changed the way teachers provide students with feedback. English teachers, and indeed all teachers, have tools at their disposal that allow them to provide extensive, meaningful and affirming individual feedback to enable students to use the Habits of Mind, such as persisting, thinking flexibly, and remaining open to continuous learning.

In recent years the College introduced the idea of using video feedback in Mathematics classes, an innovation adopted by many teachers in that department. After applying this method of feedback to creative tasks in the English department, it was clear that video feedback was a technique that could make a difference to students' results and engagement. We then took this understanding to a national conference to demonstrate how we use video feedback at St Joseph's Nudgee College.

The Australian Association of Teachers of English (AATE) and the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) National Conference was held in Hobart at the end of Semester 1. The conference theme was 'Cutting Edge: Margin to the Mainstream' and its focus was revolutionary thinking and practice in education. Keynote addresses and workshops explored

*Ms Monica See
(Head of English)
and Ms Bonnie Becker
(Head of English
Communication)
recently presented
at a national English
teachers' conference
on innovative
teaching practices.*

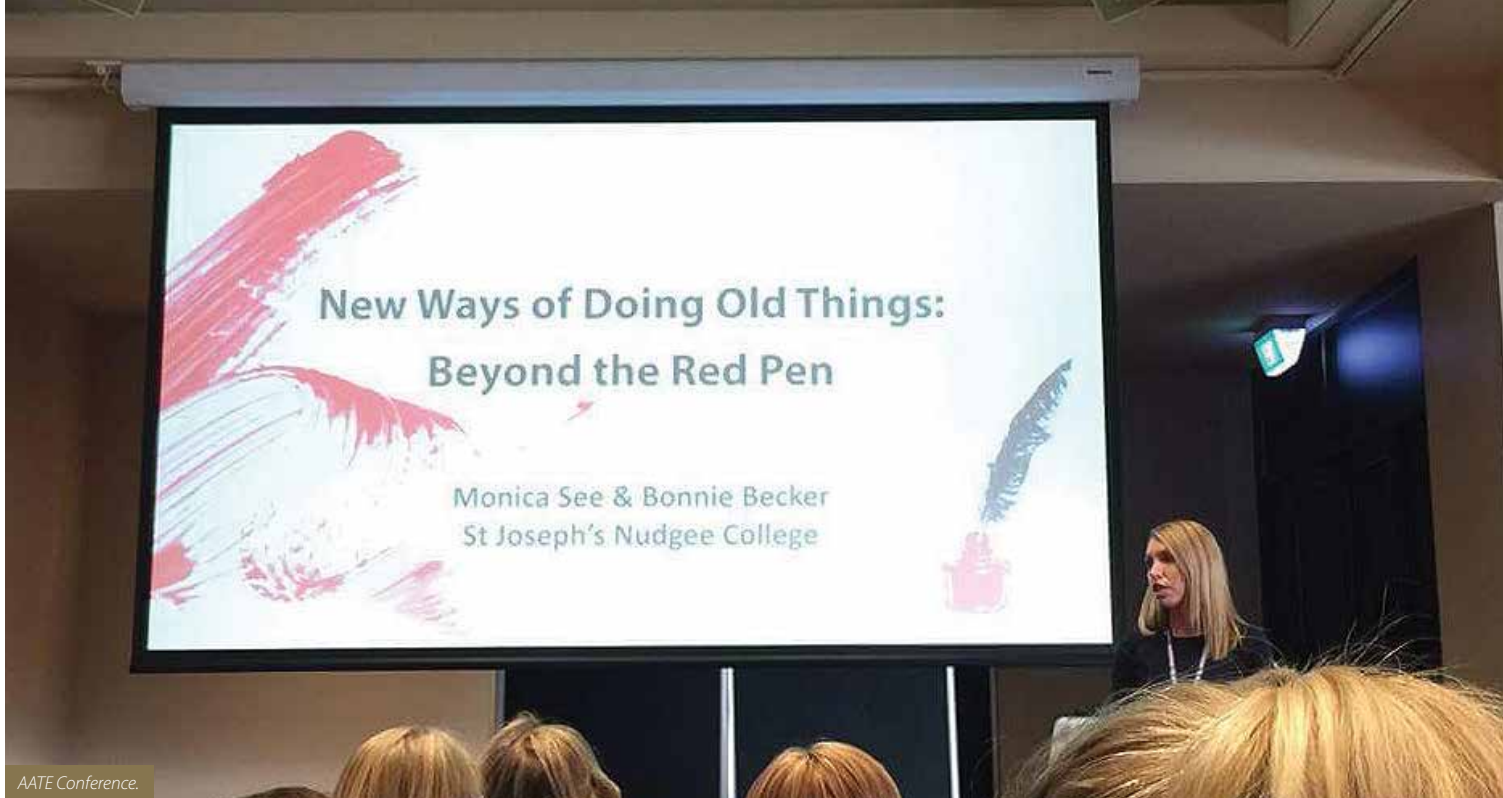
student engagement, creativity, critical and divergent thinking, and innovation and collaboration – skills we value at Nudgee College because of the rich quality they bring to classroom English and literacy experiences.

Our workshop 'New Ways of Doing Old Things: Beyond the Red Pen' explored the benefits of video feedback on both written and visual assessment drafts. Video feedback is useful for all students, but particularly for our Boarding students, who can access video feedback on their assignments during night study to help them make necessary changes in their draft writing. They can also share their video feedback with the tutors in the boarders' study program

Reach for the Stars, in this way having the benefit of personalised encouragement to produce their best work. Video feedback allows teachers to make a connection with individual students. Often, in a busy classroom, it is difficult to find the quiet space and time to speak with a student at length about their work. Before you know it, the bell has rung and conversations are left unfinished. Video feedback allows teachers to 'speak' to each student and then invite them to engage further.

This video strategy is particularly relevant in English when students are completing a narrative writing task, which is part of our Term 1 programs across all year levels in English. When writing narratives, students tend to write what they know and, in doing so, often share the experience of their lives with teachers. Video feedback helps to build trust between teachers and students so students know their teachers are invested in their progress.

This form of feedback is not limited only to written tasks. In English Communication, several tasks require a multi-modal component. By using video feedback for visual assessment pieces, teachers are not only able to provide feedback on areas of improvement, but are also able to compliment students on their creativity and their selection of information and images. Students are far more inclined to edit their work by going through the video several times, instead of deciphering paper copies of slides that have red pen all over them.



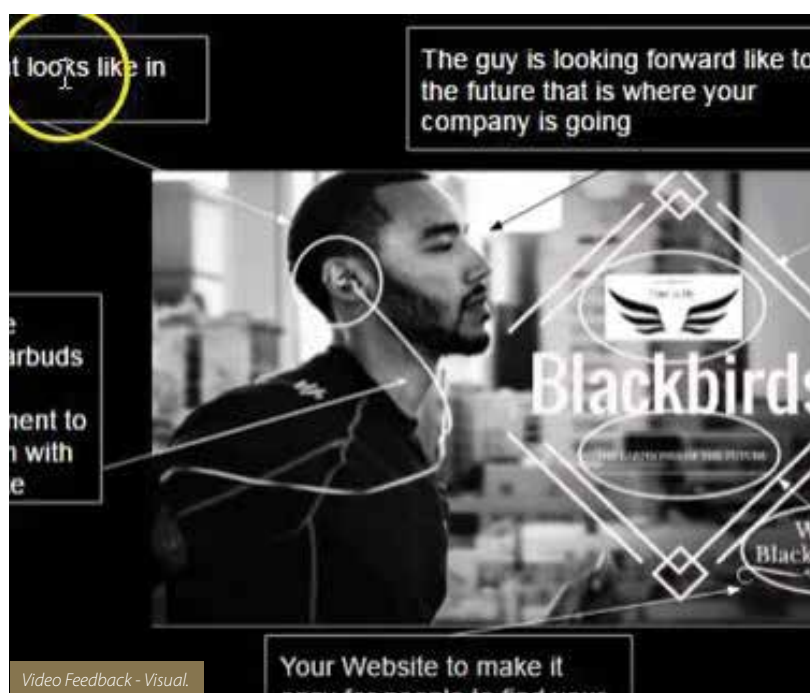
AATE Conference.

Clearly, teachers know the benefit of this innovation, and our students have told us they prefer it to other forms of feedback:

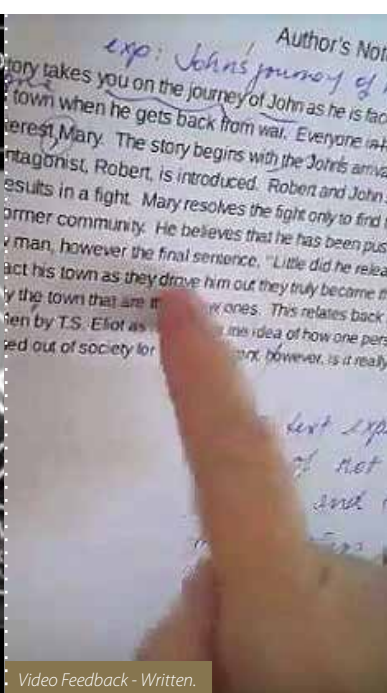
- "There are many different ways to interpret a teacher's feedback; for example, they might use a W.W. editing code, which means 'wrong word', but that doesn't necessarily tell you why they think that's the wrong word. Having the video feedback actually allows you to learn as well in the process. You are not just preparing yourself for one specific piece of assessment; you are actually learning and able to better your grades well into the future beyond that single piece." – Corbin Duncan (Year 12)
- "You can actually see where they are pointing on the assignment in the video and it's really clear what they mean. Then, you can go back and refine your work much better than you could if you were just to have a chat." – Matt Holmes (Year 12)
- "Some of the videos can be nearly 20 minutes long; the teachers put a lot of effort into them." – Freddie Carlton-Smith (Year 12)

Those who attended our workshop

were very receptive to the ideas of what we do regarding feedback at Nudgee College. At the end of our workshop, we were approached by the Editor of the *Australian Journal of Language and Literacy* with a request to contribute to the next publication. We are happy to continue to share with other educators the practices that we know benefit students enormously. It is through the generosity of Mr Peter Fullagar and the College Leadership Team that we could take part in such a rich professional development and we are grateful for the experience.



Video Feedback - Visual.



Video Feedback - Written.



RUGBY TOUR TO FIJI

MR PETER TODD &
MR SEAN GRAHAM



Many people in the St Joseph Nudgee College community are fond of rugby, which will come as no surprise to anyone familiar with our College traditions.

We also have a strong desire to commit ourselves to advocacy and service, to promote physical health and personal development, and to open our young men's hearts and minds through a liberating education.

As such, on the final day of Term 3 this year, 40 students from Years 10 to 12 and seven staff members travelled to Fiji for a week-long rugby development tour. The group was joined by Nudgee College Old Boy Jared Daunt (NC 2007–11), who coordinated our tour as a representative from Student Horizons.

There were limited opportunities to train, with the boys focused on the prior GPS Rugby season, but Mr Sione Mohenoa provided some insight into Pacific Islander culture, and taught us to sing a Fijian hymn, which would prove to be a master stroke on tour.

After an easy flight and transfer to our resort at Nadi, the students had a light training run to prepare for our first game. After dinner, Sione had the boys singing our College song and, most significantly, also the Fijian hymn. Many resort staff came to find us upon hearing the song, which we think was a good indication that we could hold our own in the culturally important singing stakes.

Our first game on tour was played at Sigatoka – known in Fiji as 'rugby town' – at Lawaqa Park, a stadium



that hosts many major matches. Our Under 16 2nd team was first up. It was a game of disciplined, structured Australian schoolboy rugby versus fast, free-flowing Fijian rugby, resulting in a draw with 17 points apiece. In the next match, the locals proved too strong for our 1st team, with the Nudgee College boys losing 22–5. Later that day, the tour group attended a National Rugby Championship match, where they watched a New South Wales side (featuring three Nudgee College Old Boys) take on a Fijian team.

The next day, Sunday 17 September, was a recovery session in the form of a mud bath, a dip in hot springs and a massage. The boys then headed up to train at the infamous sand dunes that were used by the Fiji 7s team prior to their Olympic gold medal win – thankfully we'd had those massages!

A particularly significant part of this tour was the service element, which focused on a kindergarten-building project, funded by Nudgee College, in Yavulo village, Sigatoka. We arrived in the village on Sunday afternoon to a sea of excited young children jumping all over the boys. This village had been planning our visit for quite some time and everyone was happy to see us eventually arrive. Following a church service, where we performed the Fijian hymn to the congregation, we enjoyed a traditional village kava ceremony welcome and a tasty traditional Fijian lovo dinner, where food was cooked underground.

We awoke early on Monday in the village and got to work mixing concrete and pouring the slab for the kindergarten. While some boys worked on the slab, others ran rugby clinics for the local children. Our Nudgee College boys were brilliant representatives of the College and took every challenge in their stride.

After leaving the village we travelled up the Sigatoka River in jet boats to visit a farming village, which gave us an insight into regional Fijian life. This was followed by a visit to Uprising Beach Resort, a purpose-built rugby venue where the Fijian national teams prepared for the Olympics and World Cup.

The next day, Tuesday 19 September, the boys played their final rugby matches of the tour against Lelean Memorial College (bolstered, they admitted, by a few ring-ins from three other schools in Suva). Our Under 16 2nd team went down 10–0, but it was probably the toughest game the boys had played in their rugby career. The 1sts game was also incredibly physical, but we prevailed 10–5. After the game, in what was an incredible display of sportsmanship, our boys stood arm-in-arm with the Fijian boys and sang the traditional hymn they had learnt.

This trip certainly made an impact on all who attended, and we would like to thank our tour sponsors Brisbane Airport Corporation and oOh!media for making it possible.





NUD GEE CHAMPIONS READ

MS ROBYN HARRISON

With so much happening every Semester in the world of literacy at Nudgee College, Head of the Learning Centre Ms Robyn Harrison has provided an update of some of the most recent reading and writing highlights.



Write a Book in a Day team.



Write a Book in a Day.

"Free voluntary reading has a positive impact on reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling ability, grammar usage and writing style, and children who read more typically have higher literacy development." – (Krashen 1993, 1998).

The goal of teaching and promoting reading is to develop efficient and self-motivated readers. Therefore, as educators and teacher librarians, we aim to promote positive reading attitudes through enjoyable reading experiences. Realising that when students spend time reading, their

ability to read improves, we strive to provide a variety of ways to encourage students to read more in school and at home.

To improve the literacy skills of our students, and to give them tools to be 'champions', we have two major goals: to help our students become able readers, and to help instil in them the desire to read. Providing opportunities in the classroom, the library and at home that include silent reading time, choices of reading materials, the sharing of literature, and appropriate adult modelling of

reading, results in increased reading rates, comprehension, vocabulary, and the amount of reading accomplished by the students (Thomson, 2017).

The 2015 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), an international study of students' achievement, looked at data on the number of books in the home and the percentage of Australian students at or above the proficient standard for maths and science. The study showed the levels of achievement for Year 8 students (see table).

YEAR 8	MATHS	SCIENCE
A few books (less than 25 books in the home)	45%	48%
An average number of books (26 to 200 books in the home)	71%	76%
Many books (greater than 200 books in the home)	80%	85%

Hence, we are a team who help nurture our students by giving them many opportunities to become 'champion readers' – those who believe they are capable and competent readers – and are more likely to outperform those who do not hold such beliefs. In addition, students who perceive reading as

book club conversations allow new ideas to be presented, build up students' understanding and increase their comprehension. During book club discussions, our 'champion readers' can try out their thinking by expressing their understanding of a word or a passage. Their interpretation might be reinforced by others, or they

readers to participate in a competition called Write a Book in a Day, sponsored by the Kids' Cancer Project. A team of eight young men took on the challenge of writing, editing, illustrating, publishing and binding a book in 12 hours. The story needed to be between 4000 and 5000 words in length and have the following



valuable and important and who have personally relevant reasons for reading will engage in reading in a more planned and effortful manner, thereby improving their ability to perform well across all areas of their academic pursuits.

'It takes a village to raise a child', and the Nudgee College community is our village. We are striving to offer a plethora of opportunities for our students to engage in reading for academic purposes and for pleasure. If teenagers find books they like, they read more often. With this in mind, the first meeting of our Nudgee College and St Rita's Read book club was held in Term 3. Teenagers are typically social and like to talk, and the joint Senior book club allows students to share books, experiences and feelings, as well as exposing them to a variety of genres. These

might discover a new way of viewing the characters and events in a book.

We also entered a team into the 2017 Readers Cup challenge, a competition where small teams of students read a set of books, and then compete with other school teams to answer quiz questions based on the books. The competition was held at Brisbane Grammar School and our boys did us proud, finishing 15th out of 24 teams. This year's team consisted of Patrick McGillion, Oliver Evangelista, Andrew Tora, Lachlan Cullum and Cohen Phillips. They were also ably assisted by Year 9s Tom Walsh and Joshua Price, who participated in 2015 and 2016 and did an exemplary job of coaching and mentoring the team.

Many of our readers also like to write, and another amazing opportunity was offered to a group of our keen

parameters: characters to include a tour guide, a backpacker, and a mobile phone (non-human character); set in a car yard; with an issue of gravity gone wrong. They also had to include the following five random words: fuzzy, zigzagged, emerald, awkward and pillow. The students outdid themselves to produce a story called, *Feet Off the Ground*, with a word count of 4926 words, and with less than a minute to spare. Congratulations to Oliver Evangelista, Ben Gunter, Archie Wallis, Conor Holloway, Ian Pantaleon, Harry Cruice, Henry Wallis, and Caleb Giorgas.

As you can see, at Nudgee College we aim to grow champions by bringing the joy of reading to our students, promoting a love of reading in our community, and helping to keep a variety of interesting and relevant books in the hands of our students.

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: VET AT NUDGEES COLLEGE

MS LARA MORGAN

The St Joseph's Nudgees College VET Program has grown steadily in recent years. Director of Pathways Ms Lara Morgan attributes this growth to the College's commitment to offer students a wide selection of qualifications that suit varied interests, abilities, needs and learning styles.



Construction.

First group of students to complete the Diploma of Business through the College.



Get Set For Work Program participants.



Engineering.

VET qualifications not only prepare students to enter the workforce in a dynamic and ever-changing economic environment, but can also be used to gain entrance to tertiary study. For these reasons, VET certificates are a popular option for many students.

Several new qualifications have been introduced over recent years, with great success. Students in Years 11 and 12 can study a Certificate III in Business and a Certificate III in Fitness as part of their Senior schooling in partnership with Binnacle (RTO code: 31319). Both subjects are practical in nature and require students to work in a gym or run a business as part of their assessment.

Last year, Nudgee College partnered with Barrington College (RTO code: 45030) to offer the Diploma of Business. This course is tailored to suit young entrepreneurs who have a keen interest in developing skills in researching business opportunities,

working in teams, developing a business plan, and following through with their business ideas to create a portfolio of information, designs and costings. Nudgee College men can study the Diploma course on campus and are required to attend classes once a week. On completion of the course, students may gain full time employment or may choose to use the qualification to enter university. Currently, the qualification equates approximately to a tertiary rank of 82, or an OP 9 equivalent, according to the QTAC Guide. The first group of students to complete this Diploma program through the College were recognised at a presentation ceremony in Term 3.

The College has also introduced the Get Set for Work Program for Year 12 VET students. In this course, students are equipped with skills and accredited certificates to increase their employability and catch the

eyes of employers in the job market. School leavers face fierce competition to secure employment in an ever-changing job market. Get Set for Work allows students to gain qualifications and certificates that will allow them to stand out from the crowd and take their first steps towards a successful career.

The aforementioned courses join the current array of VET qualifications on offer: Certificate I in Construction, Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, as well as the Certificate II in Rural Operations offered in partnership with South West TAFE (RTO code: 3120). Students can achieve up to four qualifications while completing their Queensland Certificate of Education.

The VET department at Nudgee College will continue to strive to offer students various pathways to success as Senior schooling moves into the new tertiary entrance ranking system in 2019.

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MS TIFFANY LLOYD

Established in 1984, the Nudgee College Foundation Limited is the primary fundraising body for the College. The Foundation seeks financial backing from the College community for the Building Fund, which supports the development and improvement of the College's structures. Additionally, the Foundation provides equity bursaries to boys in need through the Jack Ross Bursary Fund.



To ensure the continued development of this funding body, the College recently appointed Mr Marc Eslick to the newly created position of Foundation Manager.

Marc was born in the coastal city of Durban, South Africa, where he attended a boys' boarding school not dissimilar to Nudgee College. Upon finishing school, Marc joined the British Army as an infantry soldier for 12 months before beginning university, where he studied law and psychology as part of a social science degree. After graduating, he entered the financial market industry, where he remained for 13 years before making a radical career change.

"My heart and mind were focused on pursuing something that positively impacted the lives of those less fortunate than I, and given the South African context, this was many people," he said.

"Although the strength of my personal desire and the range of my experiences made the leap to the not-for-profit sector an easy and largely successful one, it has needed perseverance and endurance – and a very supportive wife!"

Eight years into his venture into the not-for-profit industry, including two years at a school in Sydney, Marc relocated to Brisbane with his family to start his Nudgee College journey.

"From the moment I began exploring Nudgee College," he said, "I got the sense that central to the Nudgee College vision was to develop men of integrity, who are prepared to be leaders, and who are eagerly positioned to make a positive impact on those around them."

"It is God's desire and our responsibility to be Jesus to the world, and I hope to adapt and develop the Foundation so as to continue to serve and impact the entire Nudgee College community – past, current and future."

Marc has been married to his wife Shay for 11 years, and together have three children – Joshua (10), Hannah Mae (8) and Matthew (6). Joshua will begin his own Nudgee College journey next year as a Year 5 student.

Find out more about the Nudgee College Foundation by contacting Marc at the College via email at foundation@nudgee.qld.edu.au.

A PORTAL TO THE PAST

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MR JOHN SAYER



Figure 1: Mr John Sayer.

Mr John Sayer (Figure 1) has recently been appointed as St Joseph's Nudgee College's new Archivist. John is no stranger to the community, having been a staff member since 1991. In that time, he has been Head of the Red Dorm, Head of Cotter Residence, Magee House Dean, a Maths teacher, and a Computing teacher. He has also been the Private Tuition Coordinator since 1996 – a role in which he will continue, and he ran the Nudgee Waveriders Club from 1992 until 2007.

Since 2006, John has captured close to half a million images of Nudgee College students participating in events, sports, and other activities. He teamed up with Mr Brian O'Reilly

from the early 2000s to become an active member and organiser of the Nudgee Adventurers Club. Together they have taken Nudgee College families to Cape York, the Victorian high country, across the Simpson Desert from both directions, down the Birdsville Track, through the Flinders Ranges, and up to Arnhem Land in search of John McDouall Stuart's Camp 25. He even had a short stint with the College's famous Cattle Club. As such, John has had the opportunity to be welcomed into many Nudgee College homes in Western Queensland. He said the College was truly a place that opens its doors, hearts and minds to those fortunate to live and walk in its glow.

The latter half of 2017 has seen a subtle transition in the role of College Archivist. Up until then, Dr Martin Kerby had for many years steered the College's historical record on the back of his amazing doctoral research projects. He will continue as a sage consultant as I take on a new role that embraces both the responsibility for the College Museum, and the College's archives.

For the last few months, the several thousand artefacts stored in boxes and tubs and on open shelves in the College's archives room have been catalogued and more carefully stored, with a view to being displayed on a regular basis in the College's Museum, located above our famous Ryan Hall.

Tucked away and soon to be displayed in the Museum are the original eight-foot long water-coloured plans for the Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel, as well as early plans of the original buildings. It is amazing to see how things were planned and laid out 126 years ago. Nudgee College's contribution to the

innovations in boarding schools has always been at the forefront of current thinking and vision.

Figure 2 shows how our revered Ross Oval was indeed the spiritual focus of the College for decades. The Corpus Christi procession was a powerful statement of personal faith and belief in a very public and communal way. Up to 25,000 people would assemble on Ross Oval where Archbishop Duhig would celebrate benediction. The altar would be set up at the top of the steps leading up from the Oval. These vestments have since been restored and catalogued. This procession eventually grew too large and had to be moved to the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds. The last time I saw a crowd on Ross Oval that even approached the number of attendees at Corpus Christi was in 1991 when the College's famous centenary home GPS Rugby match versus Gregory Terrace was held; the crowd approached 'only' 15,000 on that day.

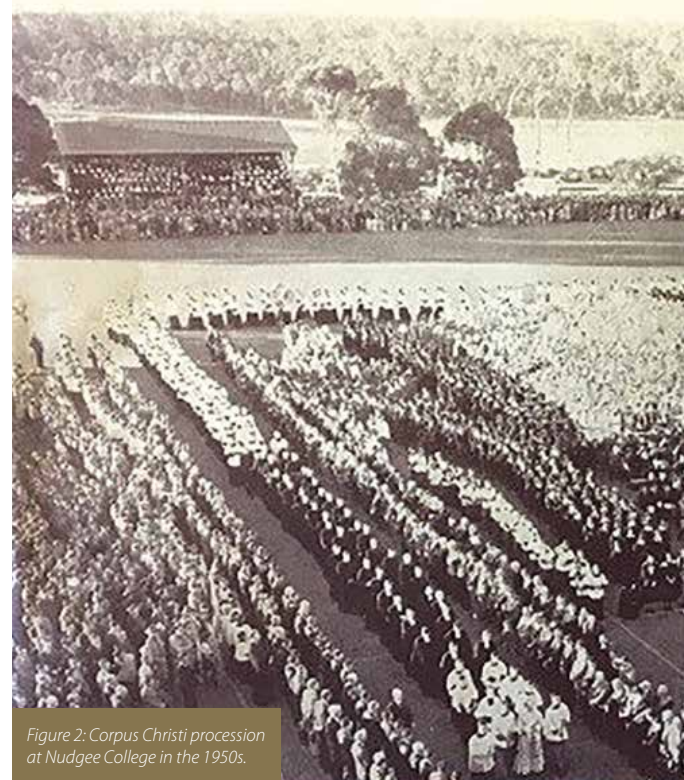


Figure 2: Corpus Christi procession at Nudgee College in the 1950s.

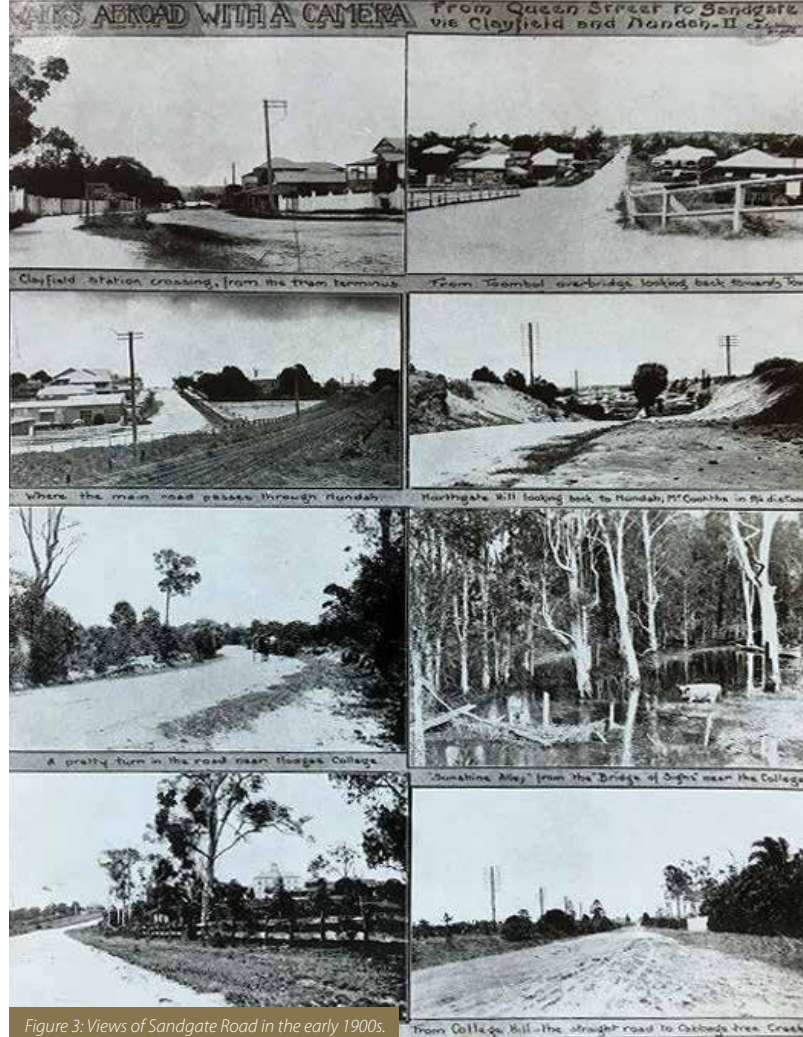


Figure 3: Views of Sandgate Road in the early 1900s.



Figure 4: Mass kit from the early 1900s.

FEDERATION MUSTER Stories of Remote Learning

On going to Boarding School

Secondary schooling was for two years in Charleville and then I went to Nudgee. I completed year 1976 in Charleville and in 77 I went to Nudgee. I did year 10 at Nudgee and after that I went to Longreach Pastoral College for two years. Last year Adam started at Nudgee. Adam is a third generation at Nudgee and were very proud about that. My father Vince went to Nudgee, he was in scholarship, I think that was the name that they called it in those days. He went through and like a lot of children at that time he left when he was 15.

MICHAEL MCKELLAR



Figure 5: Michael, Vince and Adam McKellar.

Figure 3 shows a collage of views of Sandgate Road from the early 1900s. If you look closely at the lower left image you could imagine yourself looking north up the road at Mary's Tower (before 'Mary' was actually mounted there) from the intersection of Sandgate Road and Toombul Road.

Figure 4 needed a bit of help from Fr John Gillen to help identify. It is a Mass kit. Priests would carry this kit with them in the event of being called upon to celebrate the Eucharist in a venue that may not have our traditional Chapel facilities. Nudgee College has been blessed for generations to have had the services of members of the Marist Society as its Chaplains. I remember Fr Vince Mills from when I was a young fellow in the 1960s. He was a close friend of my father, and many a Sunday night would be spent with him as a visitor to our family home, whereupon he and Dad would "solve the problems of the Parish" over a quiet scotch and a relaxing puff of the pipe. Fr Vince became the Chaplain to Nudgee College in his later life.

Figure 5 shows the McKellar men: Michael (NC 1977), Vince (NC 1937–39) and Adam (NC 2000–04). They are three generations of the one family from Morven and Charleville who made the trip from Western

Queensland to Nudgee College. This image was taken in the early 2000s, and is so symbolic of the story of bush families at Nudgee College. I came across this image when I was filing material from the Federation Muster project.

It is not surprising for Figure 6 to reflect a part of the Brian O'Reilly story at Nudgee College. In Brian's earlier life at Nudgee College, he was responsible for the College grounds. This image shows the development of the Junior Mall – from a bland expanse to a sectioned-off area with paving, plants and sitting areas.



Figure 8: Award given to Paul McLean in early 1970s.

Tucked away beneath these new pavers was a massive water tank that, in another life, was part of Nudgee College's attempt to farm the massive amounts of water collected from storms. Today we know that the new DJ Hanly Learning Centre very cleverly collects and pipes storm water to the College's dams at the back of the property. This design fact used to feature in a Year 10 Maths assignment task to measure the volume of water – albeit a feeble attempt to help the boys understand the scale of a natural event occurring before their eyes.

Today, when the boys gather for Assembly, the whole community squeezes into the McKennary Centre. Figure 7 shows the venue for College Assemblies, in this instance a boarders' Assembly, in the 1980s. Intrepid investigators today will still be able to find the connection points for the PA system for those gatherings up on the first floor veranda of the bell tower.

The final collection of Figures 8 and 9 tells a not-surprising story from 1969 and 1971. Very early on in the process of sorting and cataloguing the archives room, I came across a mounted cricket ball with the recipient named as 'M. Loane', who achieved the remarkable bowling figures of 11 for 34 in a 1st XI match



Figure 6: Junior Mall redevelopment in the 1980s.



Figure 7: A College Assembly in the 1980s.

versus Brisbane Boys' College in 1969. Originally, I thought it was Mark Loane (NC 1969–71), but it belongs instead to Michael Loane (NC 1969), Mark's very gifted brother. In the process of telling this story via my own Facebook page, I was given a similar image showing Paul McLean (NC 1971) with bowling figures for the 1st XI of eight for nine against Anglican Church Grammar School in 1971.

These wonderful achievements occurred in the day when it was not uncommon for Nudgee College's top sportsmen to be so talented that they could compete and represent the College in multiple sports' arenas. Keep in mind, too, that Nudgee College was not as large as it is today, so boys had to get involved in several sports in order for the College to compete significantly within the GPS competitions.

Michael Loane had one year at Nudgee College. He arrived from Gympie, competed in the Cricket competition, and then, after Easter, went straight into the 1st XV where he scored the most number of tries. He captained the athletics team for the College to win the GPS Championship for the first time in 20 years. He ran the 100m, 200m and 400m, tying with The Southport School runner in the 100m in a time of 10.8 seconds, and won the



Figure 9: Award given to Michael Loane in late 1960s.

other two. He held the 400m record for 10 years before it was broken. With not much happening at the end of the year, Michael then picked up a tennis racquet and, despite not having played all year, won the Final of Nudgee College's own championship.

The College's Museum will only be as exciting, interesting and enlightening as the stories and artefacts that are brought to us. I am hoping that if anyone finds something at home that could add to the wealth of our Nudgee College history, they get in touch with me at the College.

Watch this space for a quiet project

that will seek to celebrate the Nudgee College men who have been awarded 'honour pockets'. I am keen to develop an online catalogue of all awardees. Honour pockets tell individual stories of success, achievement and commitment. I am not after the actual blazer, just an image of the pocket so I can add to the fabric of our story here (a quiet groan for that mixed metaphor is permitted).

Digital versions of the College's various historic journals are well underway. Dr T.P. Boland's history of Nudgee College and Br Darcy Murphy's history of Nudgee College sport will soon be available online. We are actively working to produce a complete digital set of College Annuals. This is proving to be a challenge and I might need to call on some help. It will be a wonderful resource when complete and will make it so much easier to respond more quickly to the many inquiries we receive each week for information about our Old Boys.

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Nudgee College campus circa 1935.

One of the challenges in identifying milestones is that it is unlikely that any year could pass at an institution such as St Joseph's Nudgee College without it marking a significant anniversary. Yet, many of them are significant only in a symbolic sense, or are merely the most publicly identifiable step in a larger historical process.

THE KNOWN UNKNOWN

DR MARTIN KERBY

The demolition of the handball courts in the early 1970s might be considered a small preliminary step in that decade's building program. Just as logically it might also be seen as a continuation of the building program that reached a high point the previous decade with the opening of the Hodda Building. Or can the historian identify it as a major milestone that marked the end, or at least the terminal decline, of the 'Irish' portion of 'Irish Catholic'? It might just as easily have been understood as a reflection of the changing nature of Australian society and the emergence of a modern, multicultural society. Less

significantly, it might have been at the whim of a Headmaster and not be tied to any wider evolution, either at the College or beyond the gates.

In the same vein, was the first dayboy College Captain a significant milestone, or was it the inevitable result of a process decades in the making that ended the numerical, though not symbolic dominance of Boarding? It would appear that as theorist Hayden White observed, historical events such as these are 'value-neutral' and whether they find their place finally in a story that is tragic, comic, romantic or ironic depends entirely on the historian's

decision to shape them according to the imperatives of one plot structure rather than another.

Now that the College has navigated its centenary in 1991 and its 125th year in 2015, every year now marks a century since an event of some significance. This year, as the ones either side of it, will have its moments. For the nation it is a century since the devastating battles of 1917 and the divisive conscription referendum. In a period in which there is another public vote on the issue of marriage some might remember that we are 50 years on from a federal referendum which sought to alter the balance of numbers in the Senate and the House of Representatives. It included a second question to determine whether two references in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal people should be removed. The two sections now appear decidedly anachronistic:

51. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to:-

...(xxvi) The people of any race, other than the aboriginal people in any State, for whom it is necessary to make special laws.

127. In reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the

Commonwealth, aboriginal natives should not be counted.

The referendum saw the highest “yes” vote ever recorded, with 90.77 per cent voting for change.

For the College there was, naturally enough, a moment that retains a significance worthy of mention. On 16 December 1917, a foundation stone was laid on the northern side of the quadrangle for a two-storey free-standing building which was first called the Dunne Building, but has since been changed to the Duhig Building. It had eight classrooms, an internal stairway and verandas overlooking the oval. Like the Chapel, which had opened the previous year, it was the work of Prentice and Hall architects and the builder John Best. The final cost of £15,000 was not the only building cost for the year, for a further £4500 was earmarked for the addition of more Music rooms, converting the classrooms over the Science laboratories to dormitories, a new toilet block and a refurbished reception area. The grand old lady, the oldest classroom block at the College, has had two facelifts in the intervening years. In 1988 it was transformed from two floors to three. Two decades later it had a major refit that transformed the rooms into modern learning spaces.

Yet the College has always been far more about the people than the built

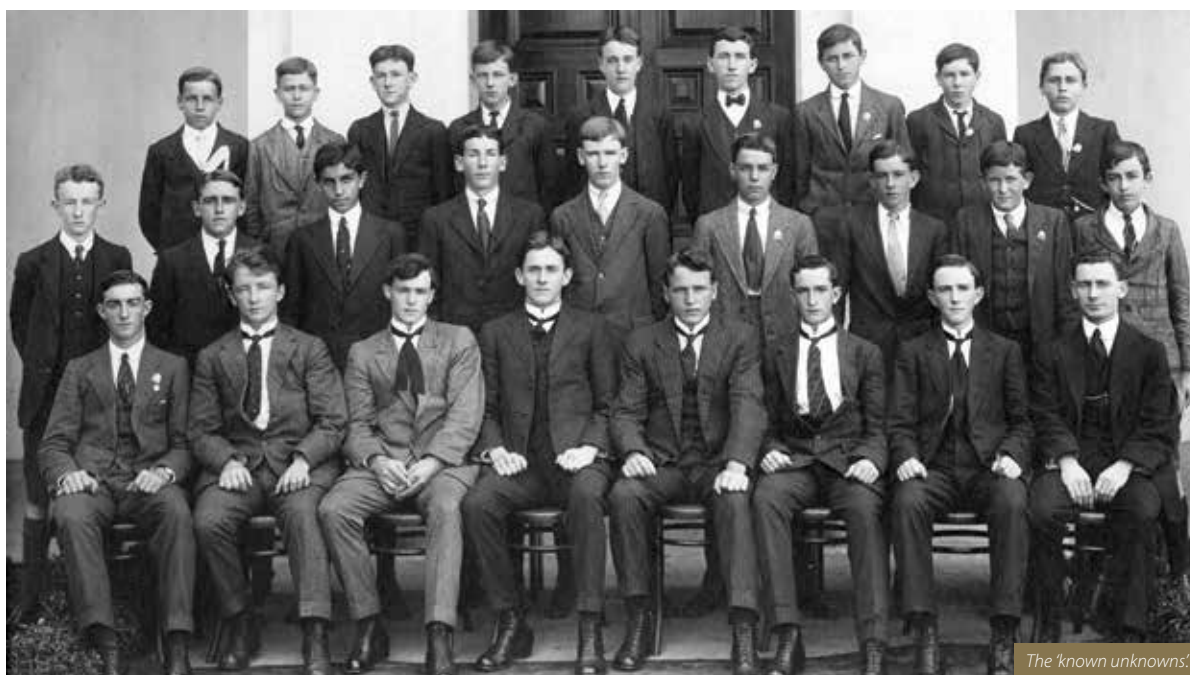
environment. In the early part of 2017, Laurie Peters, an Old Boy of Gregory Terrace (1952–56) and a teacher at St Columban’s College (1971–96) contacted the College Archives concerning a photograph in the collection of the sub-senior university class of 1917. The break in the publication of the Annual between 1916 and 1922 left the individual students marked simply as ‘unknown’. Thanks to his generous efforts, these students, who would have witnessed some of the early work on the Duhig Building, have now been saved from anonymity:

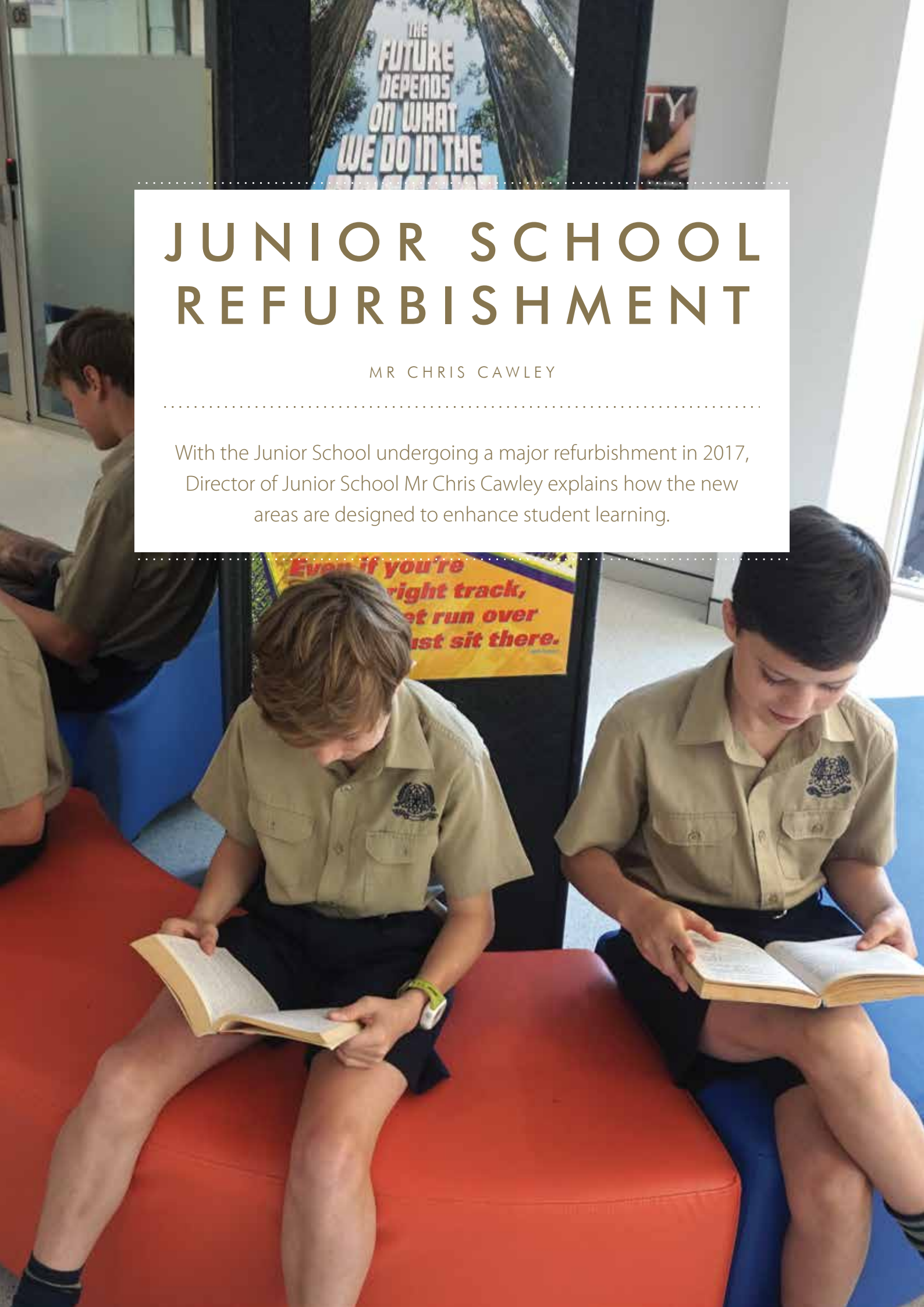
Back row (L to R): John Joseph Vidulich, Edward Arthur Noel Boulton, Francis Noel Moynihan, John Joseph Cleary, Leslie Joseph Halberstater, Patrick Francis Joseph Talty, Kenneth Russell Townley, John Joseph O’Connor, Harold Ezra Horne.

Middle row (L to R): James Joseph Broe, Henry Percival Blakeney, Anthony Dominic Abdullah, Patrick Joseph Phelan, unknown, Harold Cornelius Murphy, William Henry Francis Ahern, Richard John Ward, James Cole Madden.

Front row (L to R): Gustavus Henry Horstmann, Rudolph Sergius Lahz, John Joseph Halferty, Michael Leonard de Vaney McKeon, David Joseph Walby, Thomas Maurice Barry, Michael Ambrose Vandeleur, Desmond Read Fox.

They are now, in Laurie’s words, the “known unknowns”.



The background image shows a school hallway. In the foreground, two boys in school uniforms are sitting on a large red beanbag chair, reading books. Behind them, another boy is sitting on a blue beanbag chair. The walls are decorated with posters, including one that says 'THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO IN THE PRESENT' and another that says 'Even if you're on the right track, you can get run over if you just sit there.'

JUNIOR SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

MR CHRIS CAWLEY

With the Junior School undergoing a major refurbishment in 2017, Director of Junior School Mr Chris Cawley explains how the new areas are designed to enhance student learning.



In 2008 Nudgee College proudly launched its Junior School in the O'Neill Building, a total refurbishment of a previous boarding facility, with one class each in Years 5, 6 and 7. In a few short years, however, the College's creation of a first-class learning environment for younger students saw the Junior School expand to accommodate 12 classes.

Fast forward 10 years, and the College has embarked on a major refit of classrooms to make them contemporary, creative and at the cutting edge of new technology.

The redesign of classrooms and breakout areas has been driven by the Junior School staff and our Dean of Learning and Teaching, Mr Andrew Newcombe.

We started this process by first redeveloping our ground floor, which contains four classrooms. Over the coming 12 months we will evaluate what has worked to enhance the

learning environment, and what we could have done better. There is a growing body of evidence suggesting that the learning environment has a number of positive effects on student interaction and the resulting outcomes.

Following on from this experience, we will have the foresight to redevelop our top floor, containing eight classrooms and numerous breakout areas, in a way that delivers the best curriculum outcomes for our students.

Andrew said we also need to acknowledge that the learning opportunities that we create for our students model appropriate skills that they will need for the world in which they will continue to learn and work, and teach them how to solve problems and work collaboratively.

"Having learning spaces that assist with this is crucial to the mindset of teachers, and creates a variety of opportunities for students to develop

their own comfort and understanding of their learning, by giving them the flexibility to work in an environment that is free from the stricter parameters that are often prevalent in more traditional classrooms," he said.

The traditional classroom that assigned a student a set desk is a thing of the past. Our classrooms will allow the flexibility for teachers to have students move around the room to different locations depending on their needs. The fact 'tidy trays' are no longer associated with one desk makes this process far simpler. The ability to move the classroom furniture within minutes also allows teachers to redesign their teaching space to suit the learning experience.

The fact we are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school has advanced this process. The ability of both teachers and students to connect to data projectors and breakout screens wirelessly will be a feature of our teaching spaces.

We look forward to exploring creative ways to deliver our curriculum with flexible learning areas over the next year. This process will allow us as a College to move forward in ensuring that the next phase of redevelopment reflects best practice.

I look forward to updating you about our growth and development in the Junior School in future editions of this magazine.





NC SNAPSHOT



Above: Old Boy Chris Jeffery (NC 1996-2000) was recently named a 2017 Community Digital Champion by Advance Queensland in recognition of his work assisting community groups and not for profit organisations secure and implement new technologies, access discounted software, be safer online, and be more self-sufficient in maintaining their computers.

Left: At the 2017 Awards Ceremony, Will Hughes was named as this year's College Dux.



Above: In October the College leaders for 2018 were officially announced during a liturgy in the Chapel. Congratulations to Finnien Mitchell, Tevita Kaituu, Lawson Saurels, Angus McDonald (Captain), Will Harris, and Daniel Atkinson.

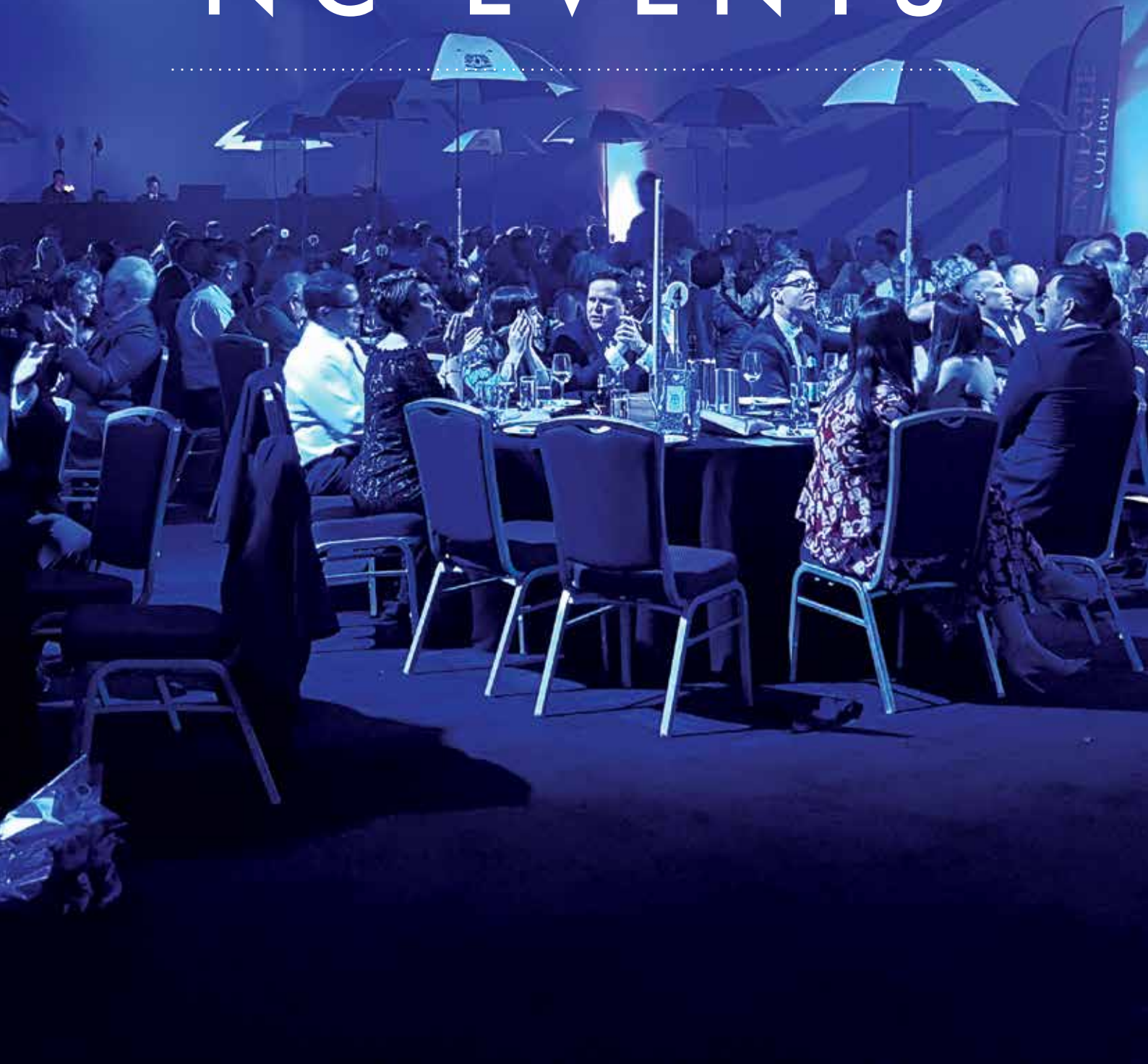
Right: In July Year 10 boarder Brodie Boyce (front and centre) captained the National under 15 football team during the ASEAN Football Federation Under 15 Youth Championships in Thailand. The young Joeys squad finished third after defeating Malaysia in their final match.

Below: To honour the memory of deceased Old Boy Sam Milne (NC 2009-13), Head of Construction Mr Neil 'Poppo' Poppleton and Year 11 student Robert Kingston built a wooden bench chair overlooking the lake at Sandgate Golf Club, where Sam won his last tournament days before he died. Poppo and Robert are pictured here with Sam's brother Jake Milne (NC 2006-10).





NC EVENTS





Mr Peter Fullagar, Mr James Delahunty and Harrison Cannon.

ROWING 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Ahead of the Nudgee College Rowing Program's 20th GPS season, a gala dinner was held on Saturday 14 October to mark this milestone. The event provided the perfect occasion for parents, staff and coaches, both past and present, as well as many Old Boys to catch up, reminisce and celebrate all things rowing.

As part of the dinner entertainment Director of Activities Mr Greg Thorne hosted a panel featuring some of Nudgee College Rowing's most notable names; Mr Graham Leddie, Mr Christian Oneto, and Mr Gary Lynagh. As the panel progressed many stories were shared and many jokes were exchanged.

During the evening Old Boy Adam Bakker (NC 2012-15), who has rowed for Australia, presented his national uniform to the College.

With many highlights throughout the evening, one of particular note was the presentation of a new eight-seat boat.

Thank you to the Rowing Support Group, particularly Ms Shannon Carmody and Ms Alysia Bridger, for all their hard work to make this event possible.

2017 AWARDS CEREMONY

This year's annual Awards Ceremony, held on Monday 6 November in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre, was the perfect way to celebrate the 2017 achievements of students and staff.

Performances by some of the College's talented musicians entertained the crowd in between presentations of award winners. The event also featured two songs performed by the cast and orchestra of this year's College Musical *Guys and Dolls*, as well as a theatrical performance of a scene from William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* by Year 12s and Shake Fest finalists Tom Lambert and Ryan Abel.

Many exceptional Senior students were presented with Awards of Distinction on the night, including:

- *James J Delahunty Award Sportsman of the Year:*
Harrison Cannon
- *Cultural Events Committee Creative Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts:*
Jack Read
- *Shirley Agnew Memorial Award for Outstanding Participation:*
Dominic Hannan
- *W A Collins Memorial Award for Conduct, Study and Sport:*
Ethan Bullemor
- *W Carlton-Smith Memorial Award for Leadership, Study and Sport:*
Phoenix Hunt
- *Sam Sciacca Memorial Award for Character and Citizenship:*
Corbin Duncan
- *Old Boys' Award for Outstanding Service to the College:*
Freddie Carlton-Smith and Toby Carrick
- *Kelleher Family Award for Consistent, Unrecognised Achievement:* **William Martin**
- *Caltex All Rounder Award for Study, Activities and Service:*
Thomas Grech
- *University of Queensland Application to Life Long Learning:*
Corbin Duncan
- *John Francis Treacy Award For Service to the Boarding Community:*
Liam McCoy
- *Br J G Hodda Memorial Award for Leadership and Diligence:*
McKinley Anderson-Brown, Corbin Duncan, Joshua Purkis, Isaac Schmidt, Ryan Shepherd and Freddie Carlton-Smith
- *Lawrie Cusack Signum Fidei Award for a Student who displays the qualities of our school motto 'A Sign of Faith':* **Freddie Carlton-Smith and Corbin Duncan**
- *Dux of the College:* **Will Hughes**

A detailed list of award winners from all year levels can be found in the 2017 College Annual, which will be published early-2018.



Barralong.

BARRALONG CORPORATE ROWING REGATTA

The 11th annual Barralong Regatta was held on Sunday 10 September at the Davies Park Rowing Complex, West End. For the first time, the College welcomed All Hallows' School's rowing program to be part of the event.

The regatta is a result of a 'learn to row' program, where competitors can develop their skills in a safe, supportive and fun environment. The crews were coxed and coached by students, which Rowing Director Mr Clint Robinson said demonstrates the levels of leadership and organisation the students possessed.

"Watching them coach and listen to feedback from their crews was a proud moment, and shows just what they are capable of with the right opportunities," he said.

Every crew competed with great spirit, and were well supported by spectators on the banks of the Brisbane River. The funds raised through this event support the rowing programs of both schools, as well as development projects in Cambodia.

Thank you to the staff and parents of both schools, particularly Ms Barbara Mark, for their contribution to the successful running of the regatta.

BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE

This year the College was asked to take part in Brisbane Open House, an annual event which provides the public with an opportunity to explore the architecture, engineering and history of buildings and places around Brisbane.

On Sunday 8 October, the College's heritage-listed Treacy Building and 101 year old Our Lady Help of Christians' Chapel were open for the Brisbane community to explore, as was the DJ Hanly Learning Centre to contrast the historic with the contemporary. Almost 100 people stopped by during the day, with many commenting that they were locals who were always curious to look through the College's grand buildings.

DIMENSIONS NC ART FESTIVAL

The annual Dimensions NC Art Festival, held from Friday 25 August to Monday 28 August, saw Tierney Auditorium transformed into an exquisite gallery space. The festival was opened with a gala event, which was emceed by Year 12 student Tom Lambert. Guests were entertained by the talented students and staff of the Music department during the gala, as well as on several other occasions during the four-day festival. Brisbane musician Mr Nick Koschel also performed at the gala, providing the perfect mix of modern and classic pop and rock songs that had guests singing and dancing along.

The festival showcases the works of



Dimensions.

the College's talented Art students, as well as several guest artists. This year's feature artists were photographer Mr Joachim Froese, 3D artist Ms Clair Laurence, and painter Ms Georgina Hooper. Joachim was also generous enough to run a photography master-class for our Senior Art students on the final day of the festival.

Thank you to Mr Raoul Carmody and the College Arts Committee for all the hard work they put in to ensure the success of Dimensions 2017.

OPEN MORNING

On Tuesday 15 August, the College's final Open Day for the year was held. As this took place during the week, prospective parents were given the opportunity to observe how the College operates during a standard school day. Visitors were treated to tours led by students and teachers, with the event culminating in a Q&A session in Tierney Auditorium where attendees could direct questions to the Principal, the College Captain, a parent, a teacher, a boarder, and a Junior School student.

FOOTBALL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

A party of more than 40 players and staff will depart Brisbane at the end of November to visit Barcelona, Madrid, Manchester, Liverpool and London. There, they will immerse themselves in European football action and culture. Needless to say the trip is one that has needed some fundraising activities to support it. The highlight of this fundraising was a trivia night hosted in October in Ryan Hall. 'Tapas and Trivia' was a huge success, with



Open Day Q&A panellists Ms Jo McEwan, Injarra Harbour and Ms Sian Kennedy.



Open Day.



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Nudgee Long Lunch.

a good time had by all and much needed funds raised. Thank you to Mr Sean Nash and Ms Tracey Price for their fantastic work in pulling this event together.

INTER-HOUSE SHOWCASE

Every year Inter-house Showcase draws huge crowds to the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre, and this year was no exception. Several College Rock Bands provided pre-show entertainment, after which groups of boys from every House took to the stage to dazzle crowds with their musical, theatrical, or in some cases, comical talents. The evening closed with the traditional performance by this year's Captain and Vice Captains. Ultimately Shaw House emerged as the evening's victors, as decided by the nine House Parents who made up the judging panel.

NUDGEE LONG LUNCH

The 2017 Nudgee Long Lunch was an outstanding success, with over 500 people gathering on Ross Oval for a special afternoon of food, music and friendship. In only its second year, the Long Lunch has established itself as a great celebration of the Nudgee College community. Our thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their work in hosting the event and special thanks is extended to Ms Alysia Bridger for leading the event.

Save the date for the 2018 Nudgee Long Lunch - Sunday 12 August. Tickets will be on sale in Term 2.

WAYNE WILSON SPORTS LUNCHEON

In its fourth year, the Wayne Wilson Sports Luncheon saw another sell-out crowd of eager punters at the Eaton's Hill Hotel in October. Hosted by the Cricket Support Group, this popular lunch brings together the cricket and racing worlds for a great afternoon of entertainment and fundraising prior to the Caulfield Cup. Emcee Mr Bart Sinclair did a fine job of hosting our special guests across the afternoon, which included Ms Beth Mooney, Mr Chris Anderson, Mr Andrew Symonds, and Mr Kevin Walters, who shared stories from behind the scenes of their sport. A special thanks to Mr Randall Corless and Mr Tony Bray for organising another fantastic event.

Save the date for the 2018 Wayne Wilson Sports Luncheon - Friday 19 October. Tickets will be on sale in Term 3.

ST JOSEPH'S RUGBY LUNCHEON

Before the boys took to the field for the ever popular Nudgee College versus Gregory Terrace GPS Rugby fixture, supporters from the two schools came together over lunch

for the annual St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon. With over 600 people in attendance on a Friday afternoon in September, supporters dug deep into their pockets to raise over \$70,000 for both College's Rugby programs. Radio personality Mr Greg Martin was the emcee for the event, and Mr Will Genia, Mr Nathan Sharpe, Mr Brendan Cannon, and Mr Michael Ware were among the special guests who shared some insight into several of their rugby experiences, both on and off the field. A special thanks to Mr Steve Flook and Mr Jim Campbell, who are the Nudgee College representatives on the organising committee for this outstanding event.

Save the date for the 2018 St Joseph's Rugby Luncheon - Friday 27 July. Tickets will be on sale in Term 1.

WILMA PETERS FLATS FACILITY OPENING

A function to mark the opening of the Wilma Peters Flats Facility was held on Wednesday 6 September. Wilma joined the Nudgee College community as a parent in 1994 when her son Robert Peters (NC 1994-98) began schooling. A very familiar



Wilma Peters.

face and colorful character to those involved in Rugby, Cricket or Football, Wilma has been a tireless volunteer in the Flats Canteen for more than 20 years.

Director of Identity Mr Anthony Connellan, who was the College's Rugby Director for many years, delivered a moving speech to mark the occasion.

"She cares so much for each and every boy who sets foot on any one of these fields, no matter what sport," he said.

"It is her dedication to be first to arrive and last to leave each game day, to transporting injured boys to the Health Centre, to waiting until every last boy is safely picked up on those cold dark winter training nights before she went home herself, and so much more that makes her a true Sign of Faith and very worthy of this wonderful honour."

A MESSAGE FROM MS MAGGIE SHAW

Thank you seems too inadequate a word for what I felt and wished to express when the Past Mothers' Association (PMA) hosted a luncheon



Maggie Shaw's 90th birthday party.

for my 90th birthday in Ryan Hall in June of this year, so I appealed to the Editor of this magazine to include an item in an endeavour to express a little of my heartfelt thanks and appreciation of everyone's generosity.

My daughter, Ms Wendy Parker, accompanied me and we were greeted by two Shaw House students, who escorted us into the Old Boys' Mall where the boys of Shaw House were lined up and sang (very

beautifully) happy birthday - my first tears of appreciation for the day ensued. Ms Toni Lutteral (retired PMA President of 22 years) organised everything assisted by Ms Clare O'Sullivan and Ms Anna Stewart (current PMA Presidents), my dear friend Ms Margie Wills, Shaw House Dean Ms Robyn Mann and many more members of the PMA. So much organisation and love went into the preparations and I was particularly thrilled to see a large table of retired teachers in the midst of tables of wonderful friends from the PMA, as well as some of the current Ladies' Auxiliary. Past Principals with whom I had worked with Mr Brian Boulton, Br Vince Connors, Br Steve McLaughlin, Br Peter Harney were in attendance, and I thank them for that.

Radio host David Lutteral (NC 1989-93), Toni's son, was the master of ceremonies for the occasion and a great time was had by all when he put me through a hoop of questions of my time at our beloved Nudgee College. Tears flowed again when Toni sang her 'Maggie' song that she adapted for the occasion.

Thank you so very much my dear Nudgee College friends and companions over the years. You will never know how much I loved seeing so many of you there sharing the journey to this very formidable 90th birthday with me.





N C ACTIVITIES

BASKETBALL

The Basketball Program has continued to grow at Nudgee College, with 31 teams playing for the blue and white in 2017.

This year the 1st V had a few big wins early on, defeating Brisbane Grammar School in Round 2 by 29 points, and Toowoomba Grammar School in Round 3 by 39 points. The team was defeated each game after the Round 4 bye to finish seventh on the ladder.

Coach Mr Mik Scott said he witnessed some flashes of brilliance from the boys during the season.

"We were able to disrupt most teams' offences, which was pleasing to see, and our plan to keep the tempo high and 'get to the ring' worked well," he said.

With a largely young squad making up the 1st V, the next few seasons of GPS Basketball are looking promising.



CATTLE CLUB

The Nudgee College Cattle Club and Show Team began their year with a training weekend in February, where they developed parading, cattle judging and animal handling skills. The boys were then able to put these skills to the test in Term 1, with visits to both the Proston Show and the Bell Show.

Term 2 saw the Cattle Club head to shows at Goondiwindi, St George, Maleny and Caboolture. These trips were largely successful and resulted in multiple ribbons being won over the course of the Term.

Every year one of the biggest events for the Cattle Club is the Brisbane Ekka, and this year was no exception. The club earned several ribbons, including Grand Champion in the Simbrah category and Reserve Junior Champion Bull.

During the September school holidays, the O'Reilly Agricultural Centre saw the arrival of new young cattle. The College received these additions from several studs who were already affiliated with the Cattle Club, as well as a few new studs.

The year finished with visits to the

Lismore Show and the Murwillumbah Show in Term 4.

Cattle Club Manager Ms Rachel Wilson said 2017 was a very successful year for the Cattle Club.

"We had high quality stud stock, and the boys exhibited both the cattle and themselves to a high standard for the entire year," she said.

Next year is already shaping up to be a big one for the Cattle Club, with plans already in place to attend national beef expo Beef Australia 2018 in Rockhampton in May.



CHESS

2017 saw many successes in the world of GPS Chess, but one of the most notable was the final round of competition. Almost 300 players from every GPS school packed into the McKennariey Centre to compete in this round. The atmosphere was electric and the Nudgee College boys competed admirably. The 1st VI of Aaron Fahey, Henry Kennedy, Jacob Martin and Josh Peters had a great season, finishing sixth and recording wins against Ipswich Grammar School, Toowoomba Grammar School and The Southport School, plus a draw against Gregory Terrace. Aaron also took out the Nudgee College Chess Championship, and won his entire division at the 2017 Gold Coast Open in June. As a Senior, this was Aaron's

last year of playing GPS Chess for Nudgee College; however with three 1st VI players remaining, plus plenty of exceptional up and coming talents in the younger grades, 2018 is looking bright for the Chess Program.

DRAMA

THEATRE SPORTS

This year four teams of Nudgee College students, ranging from Years 8 to 12, competed in the annual Queensland Youth Theatre Sports competition. The Junior A and Junior B teams competed in the Heats with great enthusiasm, and progressed very well over the course of the competition. The Year 11 team called 'Comfortably Average' consisted of Billy Muller, Angus Shaw, Gus Babao,

Jayd Kafoa, George Williams and Jacob Chick. They worked extremely well as an ensemble and made it through to the Semi Final of the competition. Tom Lambert, Jack Read, Sam Quinn, William Garrett, Jack McGraw, Tom Scherf and Sario Mills made up the Year 12 team, 'Law and Order'. They competed with passion and determination, and ended up making it all the way to the Grand Final, which was held at La Boite Theatre Company. Head of Drama Ms Alison Kilgour said the talent that took to the stage on Grand Final night was exceptional.

"The Year 12s can be very proud of their efforts, as they performed with spirit, energy, and commitment," she said.

"These boys have been competing in Theatre Sports since Year 9, so it



Jack Read.



Tom Lambert.



Ryan Abel.

was an end of an era for them, and I thank them for the many years of commitment, laughs, and brilliant improvisation."

SHAKE FEST

Year 12 students Tom Lambert and Ryan Abel placed third in the duologue category at this year's Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival, also known as Shake Fest. Tom and Ryan performed a scene from *Macbeth* in the Grand Final, which was held at the Judith Wright Arts Centre. On the back of this performance, Tom was also cast in Shake & Stir Theatre Co's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, which will open in January 2018.

SHAKE AND STIR PRODUCTION

Year 12 student Jack Read recently starred in Shake & Stir Theatre Co's production of *Dags* at the Princess Theatre, Woolloongabba. This production was the result of

a program for school students to immerse them in the process of creating a professional production. Not only did Jack successfully audition to be part of the program, he was also awarded a financial scholarship to be involved with the project.

MUSIC TOUR

This year's Music Tour took us through the rural and coastal parts of Northern New South Wales and South East Queensland. The prospect of seeing the breathtaking landmarks of the country and jamming out with your best mates was an irrevocable thought as we headed south of Nudgee College. Places such as Dorrigo and Wialda really urged us to reflect on the fact that we have become disconnected from our beautiful country, with our suburban lives. In contrast the coastal towns of Coffs Harbour and Ballina were more reminiscent of home. Aside

from the joys of the countryside, our performances were without question the most exhilarating experiences from the trip.

We performed at the Channon Markets before going to Grafton High School. We then drove to Isaac's home town of Wialda where we put on a brilliant concert for the local schools. We also had a chance to visit the beautiful Cranky Rock Nature Reserve, where we enjoyed a delicious barbecue. Later that day we drove to Stanthorpe and Warwick. These last three concerts really lived up to our Tour title, 'Anzac Rocks'. The reception was beyond our dreams, with the students of Stanthorpe State School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School Warwick and Assumption College Warwick dancing and singing along with our ensembles.

Alex Flanders, Nick Flanders, Isaac Nelson, Jacob Searle, Alex Evans and Jonah Farry

Year 12 Music students



Anzac Rocks performers.



TRACK AND FIELD

After months of trainings and meets, the 2017 season for the College's youngest athletes culminated in the Junior GPS Track and Field Championships at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre on Thursday 19 October. Thirty-eight boys represented the blue and white on the track and in the field that day, displaying great spirit and determination. The boys' efforts certainly paid off when they were named Junior GPS Champions, with a lead of 89 points over second placed Anglican Church Grammar School.

In addition to the moment that Junior Captains Lachlan Cox and Alex Romano proudly accepted the

trophy for first place, there were many highlights of the day. Year 5 student Nick Conway competed in seven events, managing to win all seven as well as break the record in the long jump event with a score of 4.44m. Year 5 student Ed Kasprovicz achieved similarly, winning six out of six events, and then went on to break Nick's newly made record in the long jump with a leap of 5.01m. Ed also managed to break the high jump record with a score of 1.50m. On the track the 10 Years 4 x 100m relay team of Kai Anderson, Nick Conway, Findlay Jones and Ed Kasprovicz broke another record with a time of 58.35. The many successes of the Juniors was the perfect farewell gift to outgoing Head of Junior Track



Junior Track and Field Captains.



Junior Track and Field.



and Field Ms Maureen Toohey. The College would like to thank Maureen for her many years of service to the Track and Field Program.

After the Juniors' achievements, the Seniors had a tough act to follow the following week at the 100th GPS Track and Field Championships. The talent competing that day was of an exceptionally high calibre, resulting in a leaderboard that was constantly changing. While Brisbane Boys' College were standouts, winning by almost 100 points, there was less than 40 points separating second place and seventh place, with Nudgee College ending the day in sixth position.

With many highs and lows across the day, Year 11 student Callum Rorison managed to experience both. He ran personal bests to finish fifth in

the 110m hurdles and second in the 400m, plus a brilliant run in the 100m to finish third, but was controversially disqualified for breaking in the 200m race. This year's competition also featured many acts of determination. 16 Years man Ollie Diggles ran 'up' to mix in with the boys in the Open category, and ended up running a personal best in the 800m with a time of 2:00.76 and finishing fifth in his 400m. Two of the College's first place victories came from the 13 Years age level, with Year 8 student Callum Wallace throwing a huge 44.29m in the javelin, and Year 7 student Ashley Wong running a brilliant 200m with a time of 24.04. Year 8 student Aaron Partington also notched up a win for the blue and white, clearing 1.73m in the high jump.



NC OLD BOYS



NCOPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy and very productive few months for the NCOBA executive, having recently completed some excellent events from our yearly program. The Old Boys' Reunion Weekend in July, held during the St Joseph's Nudgee College versus Gregory Terrace Rugby home game, was a great chance for those celebrating reunions to catch up. A close game with a Nudgee College win made the day a special one for

the Old Boys in attendance.

Our Nudgee Gala event went exceptionally well, and our ability to promote and discuss the Jack Ross Bursary was a highlight of the evening. The annual Senior Old Boys' Reunion and Mass, Melbourne Reunion, Townsville Reunion, Sydney Reunion, and Golf Day were also excellent opportunities for our Old Boy community to connect and engage.

I would like to say a special thank you to Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, who

not only makes the effort to attend our gatherings, but provides constant support from the College. I would also like to make the point to all Old Boys and the broader Nudgee College family that we are all the better for your involvement and support for our events. Please feel free to get in contact at any time, update your details with us, and know that we truly appreciate the support that you give us. My genuine thanks to you all, and we hope to see you somewhere soon.

Mr Hugh Hamilton (NC 1979–83)

NCOBA President

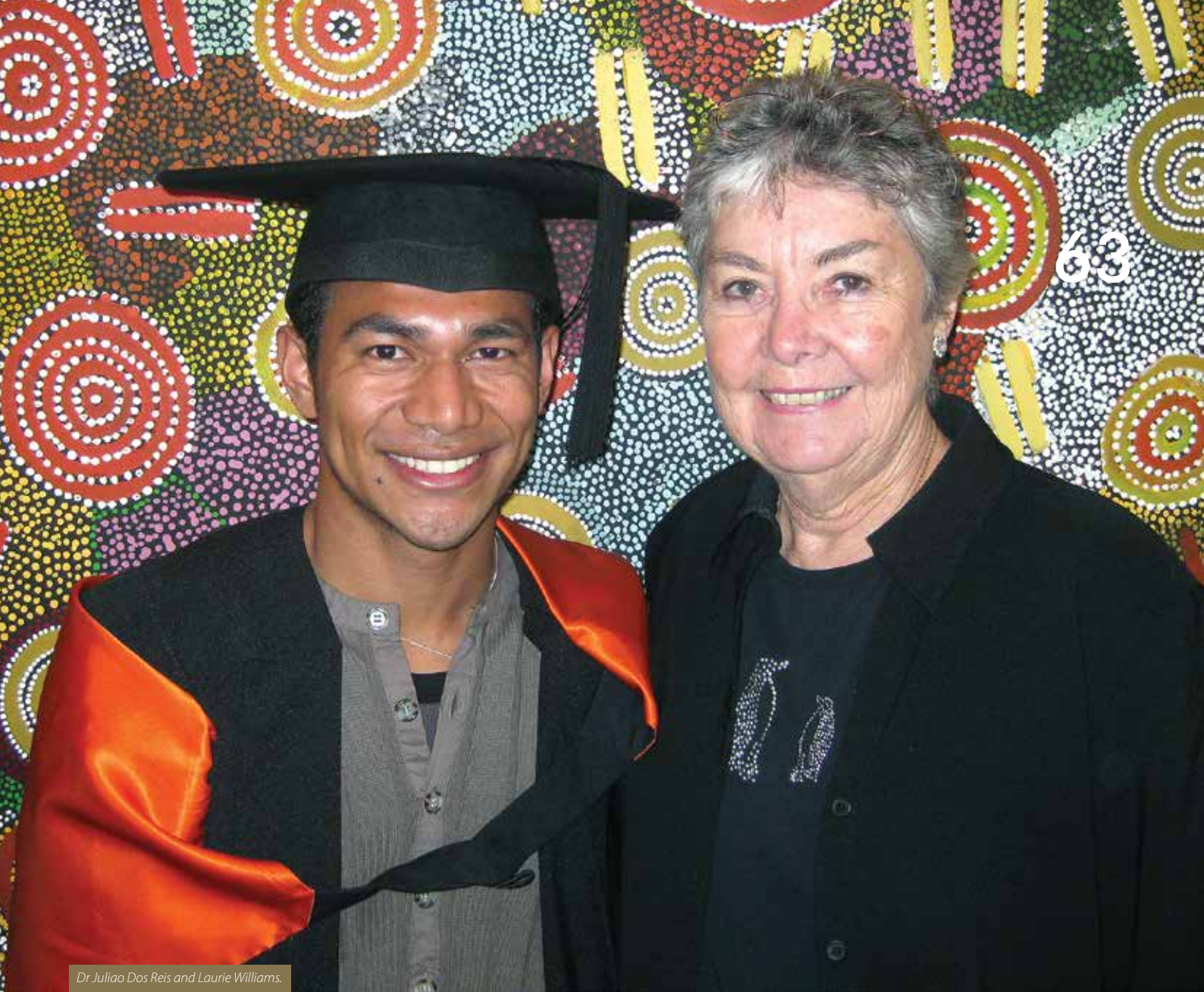
FROM POVERTY TO PHD

THE STORY OF JULIAO DOS REIS



Old Boy Dr Juliao Dos Reis (NC 2002–04) has lived an extraordinary life. He currently holds an undergraduate degree in Health Science (Public Health), Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Health, Masters of Public Health (double major in Occupational and Environmental Health) and a PhD in Public Health, but his education journey truly began at Nudgee College in 2002.

Juliao recalls his time at St Joseph's Nudgee College as being some of the best of his life. When he started at the College, he experienced major communication difficulties with teachers and class mates, with English being his fifth language; however, he credits his teachers and classmates as being very supportive, which helped his journey immensely.



Dr Juliao Dos Reis and Laurie Williams.

Past Nudgee College staff members Br Marty McHugh and Ms Laurie Williams were particularly supportive of Juliao. They ran a Student Equity Program at Nudgee College for many years, assisting boys from marginalised backgrounds to access a Nudgee College education. Jules (as he is affectionately known) was referred by a Christian Brother who worked in East Timor. Marty and Laurie ensured Juliao received this opportunity, and became his mentors.

According to Juliao, Marty and Laurie made him feel like he was part of their family, which was particularly poignant as he was a great distance away from his biological family and home in Timor-Leste. This friendship continued well after Juliao graduated from Nudgee College, into his university days and beyond. While studying at university, Juliao could

not afford to travel home and had not seen his family in years, so Laurie and Marty surprised him by purchasing a return ticket so that he could reunite with his family in Timor-Leste. It was a priceless gift he said he would never forget.

When asked about Juliao and his time at Nudgee College, Laurie recalls that he was shy when he first arrived.

"Under that shy exterior was a person who was given something that was hard for his family and the village to understand," she said.

"He was given an opportunity for an education, and he 'thanked God' and took the challenge in both hands."

Prior to attending Nudgee College, Juliao had to move from place to place to survive the civil war during the Indonesian occupation in Timor-Leste in 1999. He used to push

cartwheels and sell meat on the street to pay for his school fees because his parents could not afford to send him to school.

"Looking back, it would have been impossible in those days to think that someday I would study in Australia, especially at a great school like Nudgee College, and be able to achieve an education level as high as a PhD," he said.

One of Juliao's secrets to achievement was being consistent and taking things one step at a time.

"As long as I am moving in the right direction, that's all that matters," he said.

Juliao worked extremely hard at fitting into the College and Boarding life as an older student at Nudgee College. He was respected by both his peers and the teaching staff, and he was

“He was given an opportunity for an education,
and he ‘thanked God’ and took the challenge
in both hands...”

Ms Laurie Williams

never afraid to ask questions. Laurie was not surprised to hear about Juliao's journey since leaving Nudgee College, and said she always told him he would be Minister for Health in East Timor one day.

Juliao continued to work hard when he left Nudgee College. He was a Boarding Supervisor at the College, worked in hospitality, and took various jobs to help finance his education. Laurie proudly states that he continues to represent his East Timor family and people.

“He will always be one of the greatest assets of Nudgee College and the Student Equity Program,” she said.

It is clear Juliao has achieved many things in his career, but his sense of character is what has touched the Nudgee College community the most. When asked what advice he would give a young person who doubts their abilities, he said circumstances in life do not determine your destiny; your attitude does.

“The decisions you make and the actions you take will determine the kind of person you can be,” he said.

Juliao is the true definition of Signum Fidei – ‘a Sign of Faith’. He is now married and has a beautiful daughter.

Following is Juliao's story, in his own words, which he published in a moving social media post on 31 July, 2016:

*A simple story that I'd like to share:
Once upon a time my mother would tie us to a pole to stop us from hurting ourselves, while she'd go to the farm to find whatever she could to feed us in the absence of my father. Everybody has a story that is just as inspiring, but allow me to share mine. I dropped out of school in Year 3, and had to move to another town for a new life, leaving my*



Dr Juliao Dos Reis.

mother and two siblings behind due to my family members' involvement in the struggle for Timor-Leste's independence. I started a new life by selling rice, biscuits etc. on the street at the age of 11 in 1994. A few years later I managed to run a small grocery store, which was eventually burnt down by militias (pro-Indonesian) in 1999. I had decided to go back to school during this period of time with the only aim to be able to read and write. Since my shop was burnt and I had nothing left, I was lucky that I had gone back to school as it was the only thing I had left to hold onto.

After Timor's independence, I was eager to continue schooling at quite an old age, though my family struggled financially to send us to school. I would

sell phone credit (pulsa) and push carts to sell meat in the street of Dili to be able to pay for school fees.

Miraculously, in 2002, I was fortunate to be selected as a scholarship recipient through a merit-based selection process among few others to study at St Joseph's Nudgee College, and managed to finish high school at the age of 21. I started university at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia, while having multiple part-time jobs. I would move from looking after kids in a college to working in Australian farms during holidays or mowing grass at a neighbour's house for few extra dollars. While dealing with the pressure of being a university student, I would also work in nightclubs collecting dirty glasses, cleaning toilets and assisting my fellow workers with whatever they needed to ensure the night was as enjoyable as possible.

Looking back, I wouldn't have thought I'd go to Australia given the circumstances of my life, and it would have been a crazy dream to even think about studying in Australia. But, I have been blessed and perhaps lucky to survive the struggles we faced during Timor's civil war. I have also been blessed to meet beautiful people in Australia and from Timor that support me endlessly; for that I thank you. I thank also my family, extended family and close friends for their support and love. I turned 33 years of age the day before my fourth graduation. As a moment of joy, here, I share with you a photo of my graduation in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Thank you.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager



Tim Jones and Sarah Pearce.

OLD BOY WINS OVER THE 'SHARKS'

Old Boy Tim Jones (NC 1998–2002) and his business partner and sister Sarah Pearce have been on quite a journey since entering their company, Travelshoot, in Australian entrepreneurial hit TV show *Shark Tank*. Tim is quick to credit his sister with starting the company, which was fortunate to win best new business concept on the Australian version of *Shark Tank* in 2015.

Their success, plus funding from investors, provided the platform for their business Travelshoot to gain momentum. The start-up business secured \$500,000 in funding from *Shark Tank*'s Steve Baxter and Creative Enterprises Australia. They are currently in partnership with Flight Centre Travel Group, Helloworld, RACQ Travel and QT Hotels. They were also one of six start-up businesses, selected from 500 applicants, chosen to be part of Qantas's first Accelerator Program.

Travelshoot connects travellers with local, trusted and professional photographers in more than 80 destinations around the world to capture amazing travel memories.

Tim credits the network of St Joseph Nudgee College Old Boys as being a huge help in opening many doors for

him post-school. He also said his tight-knit friendship group from his College days have been a huge support for him in his career.

"I'm still grateful to say that many of my closest friends are those I went through school with, and there is truly still a connection with Old Boys despite the years that have passed since graduating," he said.

Tim loved his time at Nudgee College, saying he tried to be involved in as many different activities as possible.

"While Swimming was probably the only sport I was any good at, it definitely didn't stop me from getting involved in a lot of other sports and activities, but with much less success," he said.

Tim was fortunate to experience being a day boy for a few years, and then being a boarder as a Senior.

"I was heavily involved in Swimming, so it made sense to stay on campus Monday to Friday," he said.

"I actually really enjoyed boarding; getting to hang out with mates after school every day and being really immersed in all of the sporting opportunities."

Tim also credits Nudgee College for

his preparedness in the transition from secondary school to university.

"When I started my first degree straight after school, it wasn't overwhelming" he said.

"I think while some struggled with the transition from other high schools to university, Nudgee College provided a really great base that made the move relatively easy."

The one piece of advice Tim has for Nudgee College students looking at an entrepreneurial career is to start becoming involved as early as possible and surround yourself with likeminded people.

"The start-up community around Australia is growing and people genuinely want to help and leverage from one another to achieve great things," he said.

"If you need experience and you're hungry to learn, reach out to businesses you have an affinity for and offer your time as an intern."

Tim and his sister Sarah are proof that you can bring your entrepreneurial ideas to life with a lot of hard work, creativity and perseverance.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager

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THE FLYING WINEMAKER





Imagine combining all your passions – travel, wine, food – and turning this into your career. This is considered the ultimate dream for many, and Old Boy Edward ‘Eddie’ McDougall (NC 1995–99) has made it his reality.

Eddie has created a successful television series, streaming now on Netflix, called *The Flying Winemaker*. The show follows Eddie as he travels across Asia, learning new grape-growing techniques, while teaching people how to pair wines with local foods.

The concept for the show rests with Eddie’s passion for wine, travel and Asian cuisine. Despite some outside doubt, Eddie believed there was a way to create a show about these experiential delights that was fun, youthful and accessible. This sparked his mission to find the answers through the production of *The Flying Winemaker*.

The production was realised with the help of fellow St Joseph’s Nudgee College Old Boy Wesley ‘Wes’ Denning (NC 1996–2000). Wes was the College Captain and an elite swimmer during his time at College. He is now a successful producer in Los Angeles.

“Wes was a massive part of making this happen,” Eddie said.

“He is an incredibly talented producer with an eye for good content and storytelling opportunities.”

The combined talents and visions of both Old Boys has seen the success of *The Flying Winemaker* series, which has aired across the globe.

Eddie is a formally trained and qualified winemaker through his studies at the University of Melbourne. He also holds an undergraduate degree in International Business from Griffith University. Eddie focused on absorbing as much life experience as possible and surrounding himself with successful wine professionals. He credits the traditional educational resources and vocational training available at Nudgee College in helping to shape his approach to his career.

“The ability to integrate practical vocational training with traditional academics was really important for me,” he said.

“I knew I was going to run my own business one day, so the balance between business administration, hospitality, traditional economics and law all made sense for me.”

Eddie was a Nudgee College boarder from Hong Kong and, although it took him some time to adjust, once he did he found the College experience to be amazing. Eddie recalls his time at Nudgee College fondly.

“Being able to play 1st XV Rugby, receiving a sound English education

and some practical hospitality experience were great foundations for shaping me today,” he said.

It doesn’t seem as if Eddie’s career will be slowing down anytime soon, with the growing demand for his wines around the globe and a struggle to keep up supply – a good problem to have.

Eddie revealed his next steps are to acquire a collective of vineyards and wineries across Australia and New Zealand over the next year or two, plus continue to develop his media productions.

When asked about what it takes to break into a competitive industry, Eddie said it is important to grasp opportunities when they come, before someone else does.

“The world is a small place, so get out and about, meet lots of people who will shape you or mentor you and make you a better person,” he said.

“Never be in a rush – I like to say *festina lente*, which is a good Latin phrase meaning make haste slowly.”

Eddie encourages any Old Boys looking to tap into wine, travel or TV production industries to get in touch with him via his social media channels.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager

VOLUNTEERING IN VANUATU

Old Boy Jack Callum (NC 2004–08) could be considered your typical St Joseph’s Nudgee College student during his time there. He loved his sport, spending time with his friends, getting involved in the College community and pushing himself academically. He particularly enjoyed the subject Philosophy and Reason, the social justice opportunities available, and the support of passionate and engaging teachers.



Jack Callum.

His personality traits, matched with his experiences at Nudgee College, have led him to an incredibly interesting and selfless volunteer life in Vanuatu as a young 26-year-old. Completely self-funded, Jack took himself and his skills as a medical doctor to Vanuatu to fulfil a desperate need to help the locals with basic medical care.

“Volunteering, I believe, is something that is practised,” he said.

“Very few people, having never sacrificed their time before, decide to spend nine months in South Sudan or Pakistan as an aid worker.”

He added that volunteering can be isolating, challenging and confronting.

“It takes years of small exposures and the growth of empathy,” he said.

“Nudgee College offered me this growth, and planted the seeds that led me to where I am today, from the Big Brother Program, to my trip to South Africa in Year 11, and witnessing those around me showing their compassion.”

Jack had never studied biology and initially envisaged a career in engineering, until his trip to South Africa with Nudgee College in 2007. This trip was the turning point for Jack, and when he first considered a career in medicine.

“Once I began to consider it, I was drawn more than anything by the challenge it represented,” he said.

“I still love that challenge a decade later.”

Now he is faced with a tremendous task to care for the people of Vanuatu, with limited resources, in an entirely unpredictable environment.

Ambae Island is one of the most dangerous islands on the Pacific Ring of Fire, and is home to the Manaro volcano. Manaro was dormant until the end of the 20th century, when it suddenly started to echo violent



boom noises in the night and billow ominous clouds of smoke, terrifying the more than 10,000 people inhabiting the island. During this time, volcanologists graded it a level three alert.

Manaro has had a few low-grade scares over the past 20 years but unexpectedly, in September 2017, it began escalating. It went from level one to four (out of a total of five threat levels), leading the Vanuatu Government to order a full island evacuation.

"The complication is that this is not a First World country," Jack said.

"There are no Hercules planes to fly in, pick everyone up, and transport them to a safe haven quickly and efficiently; this is 10,000 plus people who live on an island where only half the population have road access."

These people are now 'safe' on the island of Santo (only 50km from Ambae), but the new problem is that they are homeless. They are hungry. They are living in camps, and the population of Luganville has increased by over 30 per cent, when previously it was 15,000. The other issue is that there was never a doctor on Ambae Island. All these people arrived with countless chronic health problems and infectious diseases.

Vanuatu is one of the last bastions of 19th century disease, with public health problems including leprosy, tuberculosis, scabies and yaws, the last of which is found almost nowhere else on the planet. The doctors at the hospital have been completely overwhelmed and resources have been stretched. It is a desperate time

that needs desperate action.

Jack has given an insight into how stretched the aid workers are, describing how common it is for him and the other helpers to work more than 14-hour days getting people off boats and into camps and caring for those who need medical attention.

Jack said there were three ways the Nudgee College community could help. The first was to pray and care about the crisis in Vanuatu.

"Awareness in itself, as small and insignificant as it seems, drives action," he said.

Second, he urged people to donate.

"This can be done either through a donation to Churches of Christ Medical Santo or at any other charity working in Vanuatu," he said.

"You can also donate equipment or supplies by speaking with Ms Lyn Cox at Medical Santo."

Finally, Jack said that if you are, or if you know a health professional, Vanuatu desperately needs your help. There is no emergency doctor. There is no pathologist or radiologist. There are no general practitioners. There is, currently, one surgeon, one anaesthetist, two internal medical doctors, one obstetrician and one paediatrician.

"That's everyone. That's everyone managing 21,000 people," he said. "If you know a doctor, a nurse, a physiotherapist, a pharmacist, an optometrist or a dentist, who might want to volunteer their time, please contact Ms Lyn Cox at Medical Santo and offer your vital specialty skills."

If the Manaro volcano explodes and sinks into the ocean, the east coast of Santo could be affected by a tsunami and the situation might get worse. If there is an outbreak of measles, or diarrhoeal disease, this could become more than a logistical crisis, but a large-scale health crisis as well.

Vanuatu's other islands – Tanna, Lopevi and Ambrym – have become active recently and there is a concern that one eruption could set off a chain of events, which could lead to far more deadly consequences.

The people of Vanuatu are kind, generous and loving. They sing at church. They dance in the street. They welcome thousands of tourists to their shores every year with open arms and open hearts. This is a wonderful opportunity to give and help a tiny Pacific island fight a colossal challenge.

To offer your support visit **medicalsanto.com**

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager

Editor's Note: Since going to print, the evacuation and state of emergency declared by the government ended; however there are still many ongoing challenges with drinking water being so limited over on Ambae Island that many have elected to independently leave again after being returned. With many ongoing crises occurring, there is still a need for medical assistance and donations.



Nudgee Gala.



Memorial Mass.

Professional Networking Evening.

MEMORIAL MASS

This annual event, hosted by the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association, celebrates the lives of deceased Christian Brothers, Nudgee College Old Boys, and other members of the Nudgee College family. The Mass in the College Chapel was held earlier this year on Saturday 4 November so it was closer to All Souls' Day, and was celebrated by Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Peter Dillon (NC 1969–72). It was well attended by many familiar faces within the Nudgee College community. Tributes to the departed were delivered by the 2018 College

Captains, who were present on the day. The College then hosted a breakfast in the boarders' dining room for all who attended. The whole morning was a wonderful demonstration of the Nudgee College community's strong faith and bond.

Mr Vince Rao (NC 1955–56)

MENTORING BREAKFAST

The third annual Mentoring Breakfast for current Year 11 students was held in Ryan Hall on Thursday, 19 October. The more than 50 boys selected to attend were broken up into small groups, according to areas of interest,

and placed with an Old Boy mentor working in that industry. About 20 Old Boys attended from a wide variety of businesses, ranging from architecture to stockbroking. The format was very informal, with the students sitting around a table with their given mentor and discussing career paths and opportunities that might be available to them in their chosen field.

The boys participated wholeheartedly, and there was a great buzz around the room as the conversation flowed and the Old Boys recounted their career journeys. The morning was a great success and we hope that this is just the start of a connection between these young men and their mentors, who might be able to assist them in their careers going forward.

I would like to say a special thank you to Ms Erina Hitchings, Ms Lara Morgan and Ms Marisa Lofaro for organising the event, and Principal Mr Peter Fullagar for his attendance and presentation to the Old Boy mentors.

Mr Andrew McNamara (NC 1985–89)
NCOBA Vice President

NUDGEE GALA

The fourth annual Nudgee Gala, supporting the Jack Ross Bursary, was held on a perfect spring evening in iconic Brisbane venue Cloudland on Saturday, 9 September. Close to 200 guests attended this magnificent event, which featured French champagne and canapés on arrival, a delicious two-course meal, fine wines, and a rocking dance floor, all in a

IN MEMORIAM

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	NUDGEE YEARS	DATE OF DEATH
Baker	Peter Hugo	1941-44	20/11/2016
Bange	Keith Joseph	1950-50	02/12/2016
Christie	Andrew Nolan	1993-97	16/08/2017
Courtice	Dr Brian	1930-36	21/03/2017
Crossley	Lachlan	2001-03	31/07/2017
Dwyer	Francis Desmond	1983-87	22/06/2017
Hickey	Ross Patrick	1946-47	16/05/2017
Hunt	Nigel Cyrus	2007-10	16/07/2017
King OBE	Dr Kevin Leahy	1935-38	28/11/2016
McKeon	Brian James	1943-44	25/11/2016
O'Brien	James (Jim)	1939-45	24/08/2017
O'Connor	Bryan Thomas	1961-65	3/10/2017
O'Neill	Dermott Joseph	1944-48	31/05/2015
Pembroke	James Gerard	1943-45	10/07/2017
Reid	Dr Noel Matthew Thomas	1947-50	18/01/2017
Tastula	Richard (Ricky)	1961-62	24/07/2017
Warren	Anthony (Tony)	1944-49	6/08/2017
Yau	Allen Lee Nam	1956-58	25/07/2017

SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Name	Years at Nudgee College
Bidner, Adam Jeffrey	1998-99
Leahy, Benjamin Patrick	1986-90



Reunion Weekend.

beautifully styled room.

Highlights from the night were a performance by Year 11 students Stephen Lean and Tom Jackson, who won over the crowd with their covers of modern pop hits; and the moment all past Nudgee College Rugby 1st XV players were called to the stage and the entire room was informed that the current 1st XV had defeated Brisbane State High School 43–17 to win a tied Premiership with The Southport School. The trophy was also presented that night for all to see.

Another special trophy in the room that evening was none other than the 2015 Melbourne Cup. The winning horse from that year, Prince of Penzance, is partly owned by Old Boy Bruce Dalton (NC 1985–86) who kindly brought the trophy along for the night so guests could look at, hold, and even get a few selfies with the Cup.

The most touching moment of the night, however, was when Old Boy Xannel Mangahas (NC 2011–15) spoke to the crowd about his time at Nudgee College. Xannel is a Jack Ross Bursary recipient, and to hear him speak so fondly of his time at Nudgee College, and how it shaped him as a man, was humbling. The event was a great success, and the NCOBA would like to thank the past and current parents, Old Boys, staff and friends who attended and made this event the brilliant night it was.

Ms Erina Hitchings

Alumni and Community Manager

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENING

The changing nature of work was the hot topic at this year's NCOBA Professional Networking Evening. Old Boys from across generations and various professions came together for the annual event, held at Wilsons Advisory in Brisbane's CBD. The function gave Old Boys an opportunity to meet and connect in a professional setting, and to take part in a lively panel discussion. This year's Old Boy guest panellists included Founding Chair of Terry White Chemists Mr Terry White (NC 1951–54); Federal Member for Fairfax Mr Ted O'Brien MP (NC 1987–91); and Olympic and World Championship breaststroke swimmer Mr Brenton Rickard (NC 1996–2000).

The topic for the event, 'changing careers in changing times', generated plenty of keen insights and an enjoyable Old Boy debate. In a first for the event, the panel discussion was filmed, ensuring armchair access for any Old Boy unable to attend.

Mr Mark Cusack (NC 1987–91)

REUNION WEEKEND

What a reunion! Thousands of Old Boys swarmed Ross Oval on Saturday, 15 July, to watch St Joseph's Nudgee College's first home GPS Rugby game against friendly rival Gregory Terrace. A conversion after fulltime gave the College 1st XV the win over Gregory Terrace in a nail-biting finish, 32–31.

Nudgee College also retained the St Joseph's Cup. After the game, Old Boys headed to the annual Boarders' Bash, then continued on to multiple Old Boy-owned venues across Brisbane to celebrate the win and reconnect with their peers. A great weekend was had by all.

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SENIOR OLD BOYS' REUNION

The Senior Old Boys' Reunion is defined as a reunion for the cohort of Old Boys who graduated 50 years ago or prior. Almost 100 Senior Old Boys returned to St Joseph's Nudgee College on Saturday 19 August for the Senior Reunion, and took part in a Mass in the magnificent College Chapel celebrated by Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Marty Larsen (NC 1989–92). This was followed by a morning tea under a marquee in Edmund Rice Mall. The setting was fitting for the occasion. The presence of Principal Mr Peter Fullagar added prestige to the event, with a stirring address and the presentation of videos about the Jack Ross Bursary, and the life of Jack Ross at Nudgee College.

Mr John Howard (NC 1958–62) presented an acknowledgement to our Vietnam veterans who were Nudgee College Old Boys, and who were commemorating 50-year anniversaries of their time in Vietnam. His speech follows:



Today our Senior Reunion celebrates the period of Old Boys who graduated in 1967 and before.

We are indebted to over 450 men who were educated at Nudgee College and later served our country in military service. These men served in World Wars One and Two, the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, and 11 incursions into Iraq and Afghanistan. Men here today encompass the era who experienced Vietnam. Lately, they have been commemorating 50-year anniversaries starting last year, and continuing until 2022 when our 'Nashos' and regular servicemen returned from Vietnam.

We would like to say three things to these men and any women who served in Vietnam:

We respect you.

We thank you.

We salute you.

This was followed by a tribute to Nudgee College presented by Mr Len McKeering (NC 1958–62), which was well-received. It was a wonderful day, with some guests travelling internationally to attend. I would also like to note that we had the honour of the presence of one of our most senior Old Boys, Mr Colin Ward (NC 1934–38). This was duly acknowledged.

The day concluded with a tour of the College Museum and the DJ Hanly Learning Centre, and the enjoyment of a 1st XV Rugby home match, which Nudgee College duly won. It was a relaxed gathering of old faces

and long-standing friendships, and I look forward to enjoying the same fellowship next year.

Mr Vince Rao (NC 1955–56)

SYDNEY REUNION

On Friday 27 October, Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, Foundation Manager Mr Marc Eslick, NCOBA Secretary Mr Tony Gleeson and I travelled to Sydney to reconnect with Old Boys living in or near the city. It was a great evening, with memories exchanged and laughs in abundance. The backdrop of the iconic Oaks Hotel at Neutral Bay was the perfect setting for this relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Mr Hugh Hamilton (NC 1979–83)

NCOBA President

TOWNSVILLE REUNION

We had a great gathering of Old Boys, some Nudgee College family members, along with Br Jim Quinn at

our Townsville function on Thursday, 31 August at the Heritage Exchange Hotel. The event started early, on a busy weekend up north, with some attendees heading off to the Broncos versus Cowboys NRL game later that evening. It was particularly good to see Ray Blatchford (NC 1953–56) and hear his good yarns about being a taste-tester for Red Tulip chocolates in the UK as part of his career. The event saw a good mix of young and old enjoying the evening. The economy has had its ups and downs, but the Townsville Nudgee College Old Boys look after each other, and look forward to another get-together next year.

Mr Tony Gleeson (NC 1985–89)

NCOBA Secretary

YOUNG ALUMNI WELCOME LUNCH

The Old Boys hosted the inaugural welcome to the Old Boys network lunch on Tuesday 7 November, for the current Year 12 students. With only several days left as current students, the NCOBA wanted to connect with the 2017 Senior cohort to officially welcome the group to the Old Boy brotherhood.

The event was a very relaxed affair with myself and NCOBA President Mr Hugh Hamilton mingling with the students. The Old Boys hope that this will be just the start of many events that the Seniors of 2017 attend as they start life after Nudgee College.

Mr Andrew McNamara (NC 1985–89)

NCOBA Vice President



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